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Fennville Elementary earns dual honors as district kicks off 2026

By Art Nicholas

Fennville Public Schools is celebrating a strong start to 2026 following two prestigious recognitions for Fennville Elementary School and continued community programming for the semester ahead.

National Academic Recognition

In November, Fennville Elementary School was recognized by U.S. News & World Report in their 2026 Best Elementary and Middle Schools rankings, placing the school among the top performers evaluated from more than 47,000 public elementary schools nationwide.

The U.S. News rankings evaluate student proficiency in math and reading/language arts while accounting for student background and achievement in core subjects. "This prestigious recognition affirms our school's commitment to academic excellence and outstanding student achievement," the district announced in November. "It highlights the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the thriving culture of learning within our community."

Unified Champion School Designation

Recently, Fennville Elementary earned designation as a Unified Champion School by Special Olympics Michigan, recognizing the school's commitment to creating an inclusive environment where students with and without intellectual disabilities learn and grow together.

The Unified Champion School program requires schools to implement three core components: Unified Sports programs where students of all abilities train and compete as teammates, Inclusive Student Leadership through youth-led activities, and Whole School Engagement initiatives that promote inclusion across the entire school community. Special Olympics Michigan has expanded this program to more than 200 schools throughout the state.

For Fennville Elementary, serving approximately 500 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, both honors reflect the school's dedication to academic excellence and inclusive community values.

Schools of Choice Enrollment

The district also welcomed new families this month through its second-semester Schools of Choice enrollment period, which runs through January 16. Students from neighboring districts in Barry, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ottawa, and Van Buren counties could apply for enrollment beginning the second semester on January 19.

Fennville Public Schools accepts unlimited enrollment of non-resident students through Schools of Choice for all grades K-12. Families from within the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency can apply at any time throughout the year. Parents interested in enrollment can contact the Central Office at 269-722-3350.

Looking Ahead

The School Board will hold its organizational meeting on January 19 at 7 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room at 5 Memorial Drive. Later this month, Fennville High School will host a community blood drive on January 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

With approximately 1,229 diverse students across all grade levels, Fennville Public Schools continues building on its foundation of strong academics, inclusive programming, and supportive community partnerships.

For more information about Fennville Public Schools, visit www.fennville.org or call 269-722-3350.

Sign of the times

Hardings is officially open for business in Allegan. A few months ago they purchased the Village Markets, one of which was located in Allegan.

Commissioners elect Beltman as Chair

By John Raffel Correspondent

ALLEGAN — At its annual organizational meeting last Thursday, the Board of Commissioners unanimously elected Commissioner Scott Beltman of Monterey Township to chair the body. Beltman succeeds Gale Dugan of Otsego Township who chaired the body in 2025.

"It's an honor to have the respect from my colleagues to have this opportunity," Beltman said of his election. The five-members of the board elected Commissioner Craig VanBeek of Burnips vice chair, succeeding Beltman in that post.

Linda Lenahan

Beltman was first elected to the board in 2020 and was re-elected in 2024. He works in agriculture and first came to prominence advocating for greater access to county roads by outdoor recreation vehicles.

Former commission chairman James Storey noted that during the Christmas-New Year's holiday season, Allegan County lost two longtime public servants. Hamilton Fire Chief Dave Haverdink died Christmas Day from injuries sustained when struck by a vehicle near the intersection of M-40 and 136th Avenue a few days earlier. Haverdink was well known and respected among West Michigan firefighters during his five-decade career with the Hamilton unit. He worked closely with neighboring departments to provide timely responses to emergencies. He also served two terms as Allegan County sheriff. His funeral was attended by hundreds of emergency responder personnel.

Retired district court administrator Linda Lenahan passed away on January 4 from natural causes. Lenahan retired in 2023 from the district court position, returning to her home in Paris, Michigan. Prior to assuming the district court post, Lenahan worked with the state court administrator's office. During her 20 years serving the Allegan court, she was respected for her ability to navigate the intricacies and personalities associated with the court system.

Wayland students, coaches fight cancer

By Elizabeth Stein & Gari Voss

Wayland Union Public Schools are out to beat cancer, and the entire school district is determined to assist the American Cancer Society in the fight. Wayland Union students scheduled their annual Coaches vs Cancer fundraising activities for January 12 – 16, 2026. During the week, events will highlight competition during which money will be collected for the American Cancer Society.

The fundraising began with the selling of merchandise that spotlights the Coaches vs Cancer theme. For those who purchased a T-shirt from the WUHS Student Council, free admission was given to home games:

Wed., Jan. 14th, 6:30pm: Competitive Cheer

Fri., Jan. 16th, 6 & 7:30pm: Boys and Girls Basketball

Wed., Jan 21st, 3:30pm: Bowling vs TK

The Wayland Union High School Student Council is selling T-shirts as a fund raiser during Coaches vs Cancer Spirit Days. Students, staff, and community members are encouraged to not only participate by purchasing T-shirts, but attend the home games for Competitive Cheer, Basketball, and Bowling. Photo: courtesy of WUHS Student Council

Though the orders for T-shirts were due on Sunday, January 11, 2026, the shirts will be sold at athletic events until January 16th.

The Coaches vs Cancer Spirit Days are in full swing!

Monday, January 12th

Hat Day: Baker and Steeby

Workout Day: Dorr

PJ Day: Pine Street

Monochrome Day (One Color): Middle School

Winter Wonderland (Blue and White): High School

Tuesday, January 13th

Team Day: Baker and Steeby

Rubber Duck Day (Yellow and Duck Gear): Dorr

Student/Student Swap: Pine Street

Adam Sandler Day: Middle School

Traitor Day (Black and Orange): High School

Wednesday, January 14th

Pattern Day: Baker and Steeby

Tie Dye Day: Dorr

Jersey Day: Pine Street

Generation Day: Middle School (6th Grade 80s, 7th Grade 90s, 8th Grade 00s)

Twin Day: High School

Thursday, January 15th

Comfy Day: Baker and Steeby

Western Day: Dorr

Olympic/USA Day: Pine Street

Jersey Day: Middle School

Nike Tech vs 1/4 Zip Day: High School

Friday, January 16th

Purple and Black Day: Everyone

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Positive Options dedicates new ultrasound

By Gari Voss

The gathering at Positive Options, Allegan, on Friday, January 9, 2025, at 11am brought together members of the Knights of Columbus across Southwest Michigan, Bishop Edward M. Lohse of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, and members of Positive Options to celebrate the new ultrasound machine. The upgrade in the machine was made possible through efforts of the Knights of Columbus at St. Catherine of Siena in Portage, Blessed Sacrament in Allegan, and St. Ann Catholic Church in Augusta.

The Ultrasound Dedication and Blessing was opened by Joe Magalski from the St. Catherine Council Grand Knight who welcomed the representatives from other councils and organizations.

The Michigan Council State Secretary Charles McCuen shared the background of the ultrasound program that began in 2009. This is the 104th ultrasound supported by the Knights of Columbus with the 105th being installed in Sturgis. The funding comes from Councils, churches, and anonymous donors which has garnered over $1 million for the machines. Thanks to this program, there have been more than one million mothers impacted by the availability to the machines.

The Supreme Council awarded the Michigan Council of the Knights of Columbus the International Life Award for their efforts to support Right to Life at the 101st Supreme Convention in 2025.

The message from all who spoke was that life is valuable. The ultrasound machine assists expectant mothers and fathers in understanding the life within. Positive Options then can mentor and guide the expectant parents in what is to come.

As the Allegan Center Director Christina Madison shared, "This investment reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to further its mission of 'Loving people to life before, during, and after a pregnancy decision'. Positive Options provides free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, options advocacy and mentoring, and education, along with other support services."

St. Catherine Council Grand Knight Joe Magalski and those gathered at Positive Options in Allegan on Fri., Jan 9, 2026, watched as the Allegan Center Director Christina Madison cut the ribbon on the new GE Healthcare Voluson Performance Ultrasound System that will assist the staff and clients in promoting the importance of life even before birth. Photo courtesy of Positive Options

Rachel Bell, Director of Operations, brought a thank you from Executive Director Garry Markvluwer. Bell stressed the importance of having a tool that could keep up with technology. This was reiterated by others in that the images displayed on the machine can bring the reality of life and hope to the parents of the growing fetus. The ultrasound image was referenced as the first photo shoot for the baby.

It is in this frame that Bishop Lohse blessed the GE Healthcare Voluson Performance system, all those who would use it, and the clients who could witness the images it can produce.

The new GE Healthcare Voluson Performance system replaces the Samsung HS40 that had served the center well. The Voluson significantly enhances the level of medical care available to clients.

As Madison stated, "The advanced imaging capabilities of the Voluson Performance provide clearer, more detailed ultrasound images, allowing medical staff to more accurately confirm pregnancy, estimate gestational age, and assess early fetal development. This improved clarity supports informed, confident decision-making and allows clients to better understand their pregnancy in a calm, supportive setting. The newer system also offers faster image optimization and streamlined workflow, resulting in more efficient appointments and a smoother experience for women and families. By investing in modern, women's-health-focused technology from GE Healthcare, Positive Options strengthens its medical credibility and reinforces its commitment to providing high-quality, compassionate care to the community."

The Positive Options Allegan staff took time to thank the five Positive Option staff members, the brothers from the Knights of Columbus Councils 6980 of St. Catherine of Portage, the 2515 at Blessed Sacrament of Allegan, and the 13633 of St. Anne of Augusta who were present for the dedication and blessing. These Knights of Columbus Councils raised half of the funds to purchase the new ultrasound machine. Specifically, Madison wanted to thank Charles McCuen of the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Secretary who spoke during the dedication and Bob Bafley, the Michigan State Faith Director who was present.

"Their unwavering support for the sanctity of human life will further our work of redeeming lives and restoring hope to hundreds of men and women throughout Allegan County," stressed Director Madison.

Those interested in learning more about the work of Positive Options Allegan can their website https://www.mypositiveoptions.org/ or reach out to 269 686-7111 to arrange a tour or schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

SALUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: THE PROTECTORS OF ALLEGAN COUNTY

Across Allegan County, law enforcement officers work around the clock to keep communities safe. Whether patrolling city streets, responding to emergency calls, or assisting residents in times of need, these men and women serve with professionalism, commitment, and care. Their presence helps ensure that neighborhoods remain places where families can live, work, and gather with confidence.

Law enforcement work extends far beyond enforcing laws. Officers are often the first to arrive in moments of crisis, offering calm direction during emergencies and support during difficult situations. They assist motorists, check on vulnerable residents, and work closely with schools, local governments, and community organizations. Each interaction helps build trust and strengthens the relationship between officers and the people they serve.

The role carries significant responsibility and personal sacrifice. Officers routinely face unpredictable situations, long hours, and difficult decisions, all while balancing the demands of family life. Yet they continue to serve with dedication, knowing their work plays a vital role in protecting both individuals and the community as a whole.

In Allegan County, law enforcement agencies also place a strong emphasis on community engagement. Officers participate in local events, school programs, and neighborhood initiatives designed to foster understanding and cooperation. These efforts help create safer communities by encouraging open communication and shared responsibility.

The work of law enforcement becomes especially visible during times of emergency or public concern. Whether responding to severe weather, accidents, or other incidents, officers step forward to provide stability and reassurance. Their training and readiness allow them to adapt quickly to evolving situations, always with the goal of public safety.

At Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, we recognize the dedication of those who serve in law enforcement across our county. Today, we salute the officers who commit themselves daily to protecting our communities. Their service, integrity, and willingness to stand on the front lines help keep Allegan County safe, strong, and united.

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Ice Fishing at Littlejohn Lake in Allegan is just one of the many activities being offered by Allegan County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism in collaboration with the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC). The free programs require registration, and materials are provided. Photo: emholk

Allegan County and ODC collaborate on outdoor programs

By Gari Voss

Winter may seem like a time to turn on the television, huddle under blankets, and stay warm, but these months can bring some wonderful adventures to those who slide into warm socks, boots and a winter coat, hat and gloves. Allegan County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism in collaboration with the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) have scheduled FREE programs that spotlight the parks around Allegan County.

To register for these programs, contact the Outdoor Discovery Center at (616) 393-9453, or look at their calendar https://outdoordiscovery.org/programs/#communityprograms, click on the activity and register.

Some of the offering of the Outdoor Discovery Center include:

Sat., January 17 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Snowshoe Hike at Bysterveld Park, 4171 14th St, Wayland. Take a family snowshoe hike. Hikers will explore the trails of Bysterveld County Park in search of interesting animals and plants.

Tues., January 20 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Owl Prowl along the Stu Visser Trails, Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland. Join the ODC staff to hike the trails of Stu Visser Park calling for resident owls. Their naturalist will give a brief intro on the natural history of Michigan's owls.

Fri., February 13 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Great Backyard Bird Count at ODC, 4214 56th St., Holland. Join the Great Backyard Bird Count! This activity is perfect for all skill levels.

Sat., February 14 @ 10-11am. Ice Fishing at Littlejohn Park, 3528 113th Ave., Allegan, with the ODC. This catch-and-release ice fishing day provides all materials. All ages can dress for the weather and participate from 10-11am.

Tues., March 24 @ 5:30-6:30pm. Adults Only can explore Field Journals and Phenology at the ODC. Learn to observe and record phenology, or seasonal changes, in the natural world.

Mon., April 6 @ 1-2pm. Owl Pellets at the Otsego Scout House, 410 E Orleans St., Otsego. Become a forensic scientist, extract bones, and discover what owls eat by reassembling the prey.

Mon., April 13 @ 5:30-6:30pm. Up Close & Wild at the Pullman PHP (People Helping People) Building, 925 56th St, Pullman.

Sat., April 25 @ 8-10am. Mist Netting or Bird Program at Silver Creek, 3900 134th Ave, Hamilton. Learn about bird banding and what it tells scientists.

Council approves sale of Lowe St. property for 53-unit apartment building

By Gari Voss

The Walleye and Perch Display that was installed in 2004 by retired Director Doug Sweeris will remain at the entrance to the Resource Recovery Facility. Sweeris' donation will continue to remind visitors and staff that working in the Water Utilities Department is about providing clean water.

The City of Allegan City Council moved closer to providing more housing for residents. On positive notes, the 2026 Event Schedule was unveiled, thoughts were shared on the use of the Robert L. Faske Revocable Trust, the council drew closer to accepting the Civic Pillars, and the donation of Doug Sweeris' Walley and Pearch Display was accepted. An important piece for residents was the approval of the Hardship Exemptions that can assist with lower income households.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Licensed Plumber Position. A Public Hearing, Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance 533 for the addition of a licensed plumber to Section 29-73-Testing began the evening's business. To meet the requirement of the State of MI to have a licensed plumber test a backflow device, Ordinance 533 was approved by the Council.

Lowe Street Property. A Public Hearing regarding the potential sale of city owned property on Lowe Street to Woda Cooper Companies, LLC was followed by discussion and the approval of the sale. This follows the Council's request on Oct. 13, 2025, to find a buyer that would develop the parcel into housing. The company will need to address the contamination in the soil which requires approval from the state. The sale price is $10 and a longer time will be allowed to begin construction of the 53-unit apartment building because of the approval process required.

Councilmember Walker had investigated Woda Cooper and found that their rental management component had received complaints. There seemed to be a pattern of tenants filing complaints with the Better Business Bureau. After discussion regarding the concerns, the council returned to the current approval focused on selling the parcel for development. The application to the State is due April 1, 2026, and City Manager Dye felt that portion of the process will probably take a year. After discussion, the motion passed with one nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ethan MacDonald, a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, brought forward the concern regarding the city's plans for improvements along Walnut Street. The church does not want to lose the two spaces where handicapped parishioners can safely exit their vehicles, and others can load and unload items for the Baby Closet and Community Closet. Keeping the two slots is important even if they are reached using the Old Jail Museum parking lot.

REPORTS

Positively Allegan. Councilmember Hooker reviewed the January 2026 Positively Allegan Board Meeting. The group discussed the positives and concerns of the Festive Fridays. Businesses shared that there was solid customer traffic, especially Art Hop. The members then reviewed the 2026 activities and the licenses required for City events. The 2026 list was approved and will be presented to the Downtown Development Authority.

1. Rollin' on the River (Fridays, June 12 – August 28, excluding July 3)
2. Bridgefest (Saturday, June 13)
3. Fork in the Road: A Food Truck Rally (Mondays, June 15 – August 31)
4. July 3 Jubilee (Friday, July 3)
5. Downtown Sip & Shop (Thursday July 23, Friday July 24, Saturday July 25)
6. Halloween Hoot-n-Howl (Friday, October 2 & Saturday, October 3)
7. Small Business Saturday (Saturday, November 28)
8. Festive Fridays (Fridays, December 4, 11, 18)
9. NYE!27 (Thursday, December 31)

Zoning Board of Appeals. City Manager Dye shared that there was an appeal from the service station owner, Steve Murk, and the station manager, James Raney, to allow the work required to improve the service station by expanding into the previous county parking lot. The Board of Appeals upheld the original decision by the Zoning Administrator on the grounds of Section 6.11C of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Walker shared that Steve and James had difficulty getting a response from PCI. A concern arose regarding grade and drainage. Walker voiced concern regarding working with businesses that have been contributing to the city for many years.

Water Utilities

Well Pump. The request to approve PO 26-0846 to Peerless Midwest in the amount of $28,750 to replace a well pump and motor was approved. On December 1, 2025, an alarm indicated that a pump had stopped functioning. Upon examination, it was found that the motor windings were damaged, and a new pump was required.

Removal of Biosolids. The request to approve a three-year contract extension from BioTech Agronomics for removal and disposal of biosolids from the Allegan Resource Recovery Facility was approved. BioTech is the city's preferred vendor that has worked with the city for 14 years. Biosolids lab analysis of metals and nutrients will not increase in the first year; will increase by $9 in the second year to $515; and will increase by $4 in the third year to $519. These analyses happen once per quarter. Annual PFAS sampling will not increase, staying at $850 per quarter. Currently, fecal testing is performed in-house by City Staff; however, the city plans to add that service to the contract, which will add $475 per quarter to the cost with no annual increase. The cost of testing the farm fields is built into the cost per gallon of biosolids applied. The company does a cleaning about once a quarter.

Donation of Walley & Perch Display. The request to accept a donation of a Walleye and Perch Display to the Water Utilities Department was accepted. For 30+ years, Doug Sweeris worked for the Allegan Water Department and had placed his personal Walleye and Perch Display at the entrance to the Water Resource Recovery Facility and wished to donate the display as it was a symbol that the work of the Water Utilities staff is to provide clean water.

Administrative Services Payables & Payroll. The request to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of $1,163,226.68 and Payroll in the amount of $154,323.27 for a total disbursement of $1,317,549.95 was approved.

Review of the November 2025 Revenue and Expenditure report. The Revenue and Expenditure Report with all posts as of Jan. 8, 2026, was made available to the council.

Hardship Exemptions. The request to adopt Resolution 26.01 approving the 2026 hardship exemption guidelines was approved. The guidelines come from the State of Michigan and are used by the Allegan City Board of Review. Residents of Allegan who come to the Board of Review can request an exception % according to their household income as of March 1, 2026.

Information Technology Services. The request to approve the contract/agreement for professional services with Clark Technical Services (CTS) to provide support for information technology (IT) needs, and to allow the City Manager or Clerk to execute the agreement was approved. This includes support on servers, firewalls, network switches, and other devices of similar complexity and the network.

The Robert L. Faske Revocable Trust. The Faske Trust was left by Robert Faske for the Griswold Auditorium and the City of Allegan. Each entity received $111,111.11. The Griswold's portion held no stipulations. The city's funds held the stipulation to be used for trees, shrubs and flowers. The Griswold Auditorium committee has begun identifying how the funds will be used, but it will be spring before Dye can meet with the family regarding the city's amount.

Civic Pillars. City Manager Dye reviewed the Civic Pillars that had been previously shared with the Council – Safe Community, Growing Community, Stewarded Community, Welcoming Community, and Optimized Community. The Civic Pillars had been drafted after the Council's special meeting on November 22, 2025, when members were asked to share their dreams for Allegan. Dye reviewed that the five pillars had been designed to better express the strategic planning process. The pillars have a better foundation of what the councilmembers expressed than repeated goals. There will be goals set within the pillars from year to year. Council members expressed that the pillar design displayed the desires of the council. A thought was voiced to add "strives to" or similar wording in the statements. Dye agreed that the wording could be adjusted. The goal is to finalize the direction of the Council at the next planning meeting, so it becomes part of the budgeting process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was shared that a petition was being circulated on social networks with the intent to belittle the city manager and some council members with lies that are stated as fact with the intent to cause harm. This is similar to a situation last summer. The source of the petition is anonymous, but the writer has asked others to sign. The question was posed regarding how to stop an anonymous bully.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Martin Luther King Day is Monday, and the office will be closed. Dye will be at a City Manager meeting for most of the week before taking some vacation days.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Councilmembers Walker & Hooker will hold a Coffee on Friday, Jan. 16 from 8-9:30am. The location is to be decided.

Councilmember Canales shared that customers at A-Tech had voiced how they are pleased with the improvements to Downtown Allegan.

Councilmember Hooker thanked the Allegan DPW. She felt much safer driving on the City of Allegan streets than on streets in other communities between here and Kalamazoo. The rocks have been placed to protect Trowbridge Plaza.

Mayor Perrigo thanked the Water Utilities members who worked hard through the weekend to resolve a situation. Ryan Burza was given kudos for going above and beyond with the community. Perrigo became extremely serious as she expressed the importance to base shared thoughts on facts. People need to research credible sources to determine facts. She stressed that when there are concerns, contact people face to face to hear perspectives and answer questions. For those who what to make the city better, Packets and Minutes are available to everyone on the city's website. Open Houses are held to share information, plus displays are in the City Hall lobby. Perrigo encouraged others to get involved as volunteers on city councils and asked if a link could be added to the webpage so people can more easily get involved.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Mon. – Sat. 5-9pm: Warming Station when temp below 32 degrees - First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St. Allegan

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026, 4:30pm: Beginner Beekeeping with Don Lam. Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 11am: The Art of Self-Defense. Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 1pm: Broomstick Pool Tournament. Sherwood's Cove 132 Brady St. Allegan

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 8-11pm: DJ Pool Party. Wawye Oasis 1123 129th Ave. Wayland

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 14, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Recess for Adults. Come and interact with friends from the Arc of Allegan.
6pm: Water Conservation Workshop. Explore the ecology of the Kalamazoo River Watershed.

Wed., Jan. 14, 2026, 5:30-9pm: Down Under Dart League
Tantrick Down Under, 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come and join the league or just watch and learn.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
4pm: Teen Advisory Group – TAG. Grades 8-12 can drop in and enjoy snacks while chating about favorite things.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026, 4:30pm: Beginner Beekeeping with Don Lam
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
Learn what it means to keep honeybees and gain insight with beginner tips and tricks along with resources to ensure success.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co, 243 Hubbard St., Allegan
Come for a night of fun playing a twist round of traditional Bingo.

Fri., Jan. 16, 2026, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Grades 6-12 rule after hours on the electronic equipment.

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 11am: The Art of Self-Defense
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens and adults can join Jonny Puente to learn about martial arts and self-defense.

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 1pm: Broomstick Pool Tournament
Sherwood's Cove 132 Brady St. Allegan
Register by 12:30pm and draw for partners.

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 8-11pm: DJ Pool Party
Wawye Oasis 1123 129th Ave. Wayland
All are invited to dive into a FREE DJ Pool Party inside the 82 degree indoor paradise. Must be 21+ to escape the cold.

Wed., Jan. 21, 2026, 9am-3pm: Diaper Bank
Allegan Community Action 323 Water St. Allegan
Call 269-673-5472 ext. 258, or email diaperbank@communityactionallegan.org.

Wed., Jan. 21, 2026, 5:30-9pm: Down Under Dart League
Tantrick Down Under, 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come and join the league or just watch and learn.

Wed., Jan. 21, 2026, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz Trivia
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Gather a team of 4-6 knowledgeable friends and enjoy the rounds of trivia. Registration begins at 5:30pm.

Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co, 243 Hubbard St., Allegan
Come for a night of fun playing a twist round of traditional Bingo.

Fri., Jan. 23, 2026, 9am-3pm: Diaper Bank
Allegan Community Action 323 Water St. Allegan
Call 269-673-5472 ext. 258, or email diaperbank@communityactionallegan.org.

Sat., Jan. 24, 2026, 8pm: The Dirty Down Under Comedy Show
Tantrick Down Under 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Doors open at 7pm, show at 8pm. Enjoy the laughs. Purchase tickets at https://www.facebook.com/events/1559865752004499

Sun., Jan. 25, 2026, 3pm: Raise a Glass to Ray Farnum
Tantrick Down Under 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

Wed., Jan. 28, 2026, 5:30-9pm: Down Under Dart League
Tantrick Down Under, 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come and join the league or just watch and learn.

Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026, 6-7pm: Owl Prowl
New Richmond Park 3160 Old Allegan Dam Rd. Fennville
Spend time with ODC exploring owls along the trails. Register at the the ODC website: https://outdoordiscovery.org/programs/#calendar.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANCE

Addiction Support Group, Thursdays 7-8pm
1900 Lincoln Road, Allegan
Come as you are.

Adventist Community Service Center
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm
Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7th-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

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Should Interurban stay or go, Laketown asks

By Jim Hayden
Correspondent

The Laketown Township Board was set to discuss the future of public transit at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 14, four days after its contract with the Interurban Transit Authority expired.

Members agreed to extend negotiations with the service after an anonymous donor stepped up to pay for another month of low-cost buses and more than 20 citizens called for them to do so at their Jan. 7 workshop.

The Interurban Jan. 8 announced the donation to continue funding pick-ups and drop-offs in Laketown through Jan. 31 to allow the board time to reconsider funding.

No township money will be spent to extend the service through month's end.

Township supervisor Steven Ringelberg asked board members to come to the Jan. 14 meeting with numbers to discuss funding through a possible millage vote.

Having an item on the agenda does not mean the board will make decisions or take votes on the topic.

The agenda has times for public comment. People in the meeting room go first. They must come up to the podium and make their comments to the supervisor in three minutes. After people in the room are done, people on Zoom will have the chance to speak.

Laketown began receiving on-demand bus service from the Douglas-based Interurban in May for a trial period to last through October. The service was extended but board members grew concerned about rising costs due to its popularity.

An adult rider paid $1, while senior citizens, handicapped or childen paid 50 cents to picked up or dropped off in the Interurban's service area of Saugatuck Township and the cities of Saugatuck, Douglas and Fennville. The township was billed $7 per rider.

The township originally budgeted $21,000 for the trial period then later authorized another $26,000 to cover costs. The township has paid $35,455 for the service from May through December.

The Laketown board first proposed different rates for its residents to extend the contract, but the service rejected the plan. On Dec. 11, members voted to cut ties with the Interurban, ending service after Jan. 10, and contacting Allegan County Transportation officials about stepping in.

The ACT service, available since 2000, is funded through the county. Laketown Township does not pay extra for it.

At the Jan. 7 workshop, ACT program coordinator Stacey Todd answered questions from the board and audience about how buses based in the city of Allegan schedule on a priority basis:

Priority one are standing orders/subscription trips established in advance, same passenger, time and origin. They are based on availability. Medical trips take precedence. Recurring or subscription trips for employment purposes for new passengers will be set up once the passenger has completed two weeks of travel with one or fewer no-shows.

Priority two are rides reserved before noon the prior business day in advance of service needed.

Priority three, on demand are trips requested without advance notice. Call by noon the day before travel is needed to secure your spot on the next day's schedule.

Adults and children 13 and older pay $2 for a one-way trip. Those 60 and over, people with disabilities and children 5-12 pay $1 for a one-way trip. Trips for persons 60 and over are no charge (the Allegan Commission on Aging reimburses the ACT for them). Children up to 4 years old with an adult supervisor ride free.

Transportation is available from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interurban execute director Becky Carten-Crandell said she would consider higher rates for Laketown riders as a last resort to re-establish the service in the township.

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It's 2026. Why Is the IRS Still Stuck in the Past?

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

Not long ago, I set aside part of my workday to ask the Internal Revenue Service a simple question. This wasn't a complicated audit issue or a dispute over taxes owed. It was a basic inquiry that should have taken only a few minutes to answer.

Instead, I spent nearly an hour and a half on hold.

Anyone who has dealt with the IRS knows that long wait times are almost expected at this point. While frustrating, that alone might be understandable given the size of the agency and the volume of calls it receives. What followed, however, was harder to excuse.

After finally reaching a representative, I was informed that any official correspondence related to my question would need to be handled by fax or through the mail.

Fax. Or mail.

In 2026.

This is the same agency that requires most Americans to file their taxes electronically, encourages online payments, and enforces strict deadlines with penalties and interest when those deadlines are missed. Yet when taxpayers need answers or clarification, they are pushed into outdated communication methods that slow the process to a crawl.

This is not simply a matter of inconvenience. It's a question of efficiency, accessibility, and respect for taxpayers' time. Virtually every sector of modern life—banks, hospitals, schools, insurance companies, and local governments—has adopted secure email systems. Many handle sensitive financial and personal information every day without issue. The technology exists. The standards exist. The IRS's refusal or inability to adopt them is increasingly indefensible.

The consequences are real. Hours wasted listening to hold music. Weeks lost waiting for mailed responses. Paper documents that can be delayed, misrouted, or lost altogether. For small business owners trying to stay compliant, seniors navigating fixed incomes, and families already stretched thin, this system adds unnecessary stress and confusion.

Taxpayers are frequently reminded that "ignorance is no excuse" when it comes to tax law. The IRS expects accuracy, timeliness, and full compliance. That expectation should run both ways. If Americans are required to operate in a digital environment, the agency overseeing the tax system should be required to meet them there.

The IRS often points to staffing shortages and funding challenges, and those concerns may be valid. But modernization is not a luxury—it's a necessity. In fact, better communication tools would likely reduce call volumes, improve response times, and save money over the long term.

No one is asking for tax audits by text message or answers delivered via social media. What taxpayers are asking for is basic, secure email communication—something that has been standard practice for years.

If the IRS truly wants to improve customer service and efficiency, there is a clear place to start: reduce hold times, modernize communication, and stop telling Americans to dust off fax machines in the digital age.

Because nothing undermines confidence in government quite like an agency that demands modern compliance while clinging stubbornly to the past.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

The year that my late wife Pat turned 95, MENSA sent a reporter to interview her about her nine decades as a professional artist and writer.

The writer first asked who or what inspired her to become an artist. Pat explained that at age 4 she accompanied her mother to the School of the Art Institute in Chicago.

While her mother was taking her classes, Pat was at the other end of the building in a class for children. The minimum age to be enrolled was five, but "I was tall for my age, so they let me in." On the drive home she and her mother would talk about color, shape and space.

The encouragement from her parents and couple good teachers, plus being surrounded by so many beautiful paintings, was her inspiration.

I too have been well endowed by inspiring people in my life. Three truly great clergymen led the way to my ordination and parish ministry. They were devout and pious men who preached and lived a message of love and practical, practicing Christianity.

Another was a quirky, reclusive professor of church history who believed that connections between people, places and events are more important than timelines and memorizing dates. "Everything is related," he would say, "Now, find the connections."

How did I end up writing for a newspaper? That came because I was inspired by Benny Sternberg, who wrote for my hometown newspaper and looked and acted if he just stepped off the set of the 1940 film "His Girl Friday."

Benny wore a battered fedora, smoked cigars and kept a bottle of something toxic in the bottom desk drawer. He was an anarchist who would ask, "Hey, kid, you want a bump?" When it came to bookies and bootleggers, he was a bit sketchy, but everyone liked him.

Fortunately, years ago, publishers Cheryl and Walt Kaechele made room for me, then editor Scott Sullivan kept me around. More recently, current publisher Mike Wilcox extended the same invitation. I am grateful for them.

Years of reading mysteries by Agatha Christie, Georges Simenon and Dorothy L Sayers led to my fun writing "cozy: murder mysteries set in Saugatuck in the 1920s. I like cozyies because yes, someone gets whacked but we don't have to spread blood and body parts all over, explain biology to young children or make grannies blush.

Then there was Slim the Barber, whose shop was in the basement of a big hotel in Rochester, Minn. He boasted about how he had cut hair for most of the "boys" from the Chicago Outfit when they came to town.

Some people collect stamps or coins; Slim collected hair clippings and had them mounted in an album he showed me. You cannot get more inspiration for writing a murder mystery than by looking at what is left of Frank Nitti, Big Al and a few others. Slim had a lot of trophies from "legits" such as governors, the Mayo brothers and local heroes.

I suspect we have all been inspired by someone, perhaps a lot of someones, and the places and experiences we have in life. Good inspirations bring out the best in us. They touch something important in our mind or heart that is dormant or fibrillating and ignite a spark.

Jean Shepherd and Bill Bryson, did it in their books "Christmas Story" and "The Thunderbolt Kid." They ignited a quest to appreciate Christmas like it was a generation or so earlier. The stories bring out the best in us by helping us understand what is truly important.

People who truly inspire are not showing off or trying to run your life. Often, without a word of instruction, they are giving you the opportunity to be your best. They do not tell us what to do or how to do something. They give us the freedom to explore, find our own way and create something good.

They can be sneaky about it, too. Sometimes it is months or years until we fully appreciate their gift to us. Often, that puts a smile on our face and a tickle in our heart, but also a bit of regret that we did not appreciate them more at the time.

Life is like that, isn't it? Often there is a delayed reaction. Sadly, too often it comes when they have died and it is too late.

Which leads to the next question: Are we an inspiration to others? I see this as continuing the practice, a wonderful opportunity and even sacred duty.

But how do we make it happen? It is a bit like Schrödinger's Cat. We cannot make it happen, because the moment we try, it often evaporates. To decide and then set out to inspire others fizzles and fails.

That's because the one thing we all really want and need are authentic experiences and genuine people in our life. The men I mentioned above were genuine, whether it was the trio of clergymen or Benny the newspaper man. They were who they were and never pretended to be any different. No showing off or what the Olds called "showboating."

It is up to us to be the next generation of inspirations. There is a big difference between them Inspirations and influencers. The world has an overabundance of influencers, but there will never be too many true Inspirations.

We inspire by being genuine, exactly who we are and fully integrating our words with actions. Just get on with it, regardless of what it might be. If you think that hard work or thrift, a strong personal spiritual life, planting a garden or appreciating the performing or visual arts, then lead by example.

Above all, inspire others to be more caring and compassionate, by letting them see your care and compassion in actions, not just words.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinion Differences and Current News

Dear Editor:

There was a letter to the editor that claimed President Trump was working hard for health care for American citizens. The opposite is true. The Trump Administration has had a converted effort to limit health care. Check out his so-called "Great Beautiful Bill" that has billions of dollars of cuts for health care. Also, major cuts in cancer research much of it cuts for childhood cancer.

Another letter to the editor stated that President Trump has stopped eight wars. Another lie: 1. Border of Thailand and Cambodia Fighting ceased for two weeks, and then fighting continued at a higher pace. 2. Eastern Democratic Republic, conflict with Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi. An agreement was signed but continued fighting occurred the very next day. 3. War in Gaza is not over, 400 Palestinians have been killed since the cease fire. Phase 2 peace deal: no details, Netanyahu continued killing Palestinians (most were civilians).

No person knows the other five wars Trump claimed he stopped. It's no different than the domestic issues he falsely claims in his words "are great and beautiful economy ". Check out your grocery budget.

Most of the damage that is happening are executive orders and not passed by congress which can and should be undone by future presidents.

There are many issues that face us at the present time: Is it right that Marco Rubio is using real censorship to silence fake censorship?

Trump called Colorado Governor a scumbag and calling for Republican district attorney to rot in hell for not honoring his fake pardon. Presidents can only pardon federal cases and Tina Peters was charged and found guilty in state court. Peters has served 2 years out of a 9 year sentence. Trump attempted to pardon a convicted criminal and called Republican DA a RINO(republican in name only) for following the law. The rant by Trump was filled with errors (lies): Peters is 70 not 73; she's in a medium security facility not maximum; she isn't sick and o top of all that the mail-in voting in Colorado is exceedingly secure. Do you think it is right to retaliate against the state by revoking funds? Trump pledged to dismantle a world class climate and weather institute in Boulder, Colorado. The institute predicts and responds to severe weather and disasters. Is it right that President Trump canceled $109 million dollars in federal transportation, grants, including $66 million dollars to pay for critical rail safety mechanisms?

Last week Trump vetoed a bipartisan bill that would fund a project to deliver safe drinking water to 39 communities. Personally, I blame Republicans in the House of Representatives who have given the executive branch of government control over the purse strings that the Constitution gives to the House of Representatives members. Presently the Republican House members are simply figure heads. They have given their responsibilities away and are no longer a co-branch of government.

Trump's tariffs that never materialized: 1. Said he would dismantle the IRS to be called the External Revenue Service. The IRS is still in business. 2. 200% tariff on European wine and champagne. So what happened? The EU planned levy on American whiskey. The 200% never materialized. 3. Put 100% tariff on any movies coming into our country that are produced in Foreign Lands. Also 100% tariff on any and all movies made outside the US. What happened? The u.S. has yet to impose the 100%tariff.4. 200%tariff on pharmaceuticals. What a joke? 5. On September 25th-starting October 1st we will impose a 100% tariff on any branded or patented pharmaceutical product unless a company is building a plant in the U.S.What happened? The president did not sign the executive order.6. 100% tariff on computer chips. Trump did not follow through on the threat.7. $2000 tariff dividend. Trump stated "people against tariffs are fools". A dividend of at least $2000 a person will be paid to every. What happened? Nothing, the $2000 would have been paid on borrowed money to the already high deficit and the deficit would have skyrocketed.

Is it right that Marco Rubio claimed "this was not an attack on Venezuela, it was a law enforcement function to indict Nicholas Madura. Eighty (80) deaths occurred. A reporter asked "will Trump seek congressional approval for any future action in Venezuela? Rubio said that congress would be notified and continue his false narrative.

Is it right that Trump implied that Governor Tim Walz had Representative Melissa Hortman killed? Walz condemned Trump's depraved remarks. Each passing day Trump goes lower using. conspiracy theories that are not only lies, but so far from reality that Americans can not ignore outrageous behavior. The truth is after police investigation a notebook was found in the killers car (Vance Boelter) that had a list of Democratic lawmakers as well as abortion providers to be assassinated . Vance Boelter's roommate described him as an admirer of Trump.

Is it right that Trump refused to lower flags at half mass for assassined Democratic politicians? His half-baked excuse was "I didn't know them". He knew Paul Pelosi and made fun of him with a so called joke concerning the attack that almost killed him. Are you proud of the leader of the country?

Is it right that Trump froze welfare funds for people in blue states (California, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, and New York)? We no longer have a President of the United States, but rather President of the so called "Red States. How revoking!

I'm sure there's more to come as everyday something without merit hits the headlines.

Mark Austin

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Obituaries

Ray Farnum

Ray passed away December 21,2025, he was born in Allegan to Harold B. and June (Newton) Farnum; where he lived most of his life except for 3years the family spent in Fort Meyers Beach, FL.

Ray graduated from Allegan High School in 1970. Continued his working life at Friedland's Jacket Factory, Perrigo and Pet Milk, prior to being hired in at Mac Sim Bar later Mead then Rock Ten in Otsego where he spent 31 years until the mill closed it's doors permanently in 2004. Shortly after he went to work at Challenge Manufacturing in Holland where he worked for another 15 years. While at the Papermill he edited a in house newspaper called The Mead Rat. He also spent 15 years as Treasurer of the Fireman and Oilers Local. His other interests included: photography, live and recorded music, camping and traveling. Two of his favorite Bluegrass festivals were Wheatland and Hiawatha. His favorite camping spot was Sleeping Bear Dunes. For a few years he took several trips in this country and one abroad on the Motorcycle.

Ray Farnum

Preceding him in death were his parents, brother Wayne and baby sister, Jan, and father- and mother-in-law, Donald and Beverly Huff. Surviving are his wife of 51 years Devryn (Huff) Farnum, Two Daughters Ravyn Schneider(Scott Wagar), Dyrena (Dennis) Warner. Grandchildren Davynn, Rianon and Arionna Schneider, Drake (Savannah) and Cadyn DeGroff, Rayden, Dayne and Dennis Warner. Great Granddaughter Aliah DeGroff, Sisters In-law Brenda and Erica Huff and Brother In-law Kevin (Susan) Huff and many good friends to remember him.

In accordance with his wishes Cremation has taken place. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Hartman Center on April 4, 2026 at 1pm.

Linda Louise Lenahan

Linda Louise Lenahan passed away on January 8, 2026, in Paris, MI.

She was born on July 13, 1959, in Reed City to John and Georgene (Avery) Lenahan. Linda was raised in Paris and graduated from Reed City High School in 1977. She was employed for 20 years for the State Court Administrative Office in Detroit, MI and lived in Westland, MI. Linda also worked for 20 years as the 57th District Court Administrator for Allegan County, MI where she was a longtime resident. She retired to her home in Paris, MI in 2023.

While growing up, she enjoyed road trips across the country with her parents and in recent years, she enjoyed time with friends and following the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

Linda Louise Lenahan

Most of all, she enjoyed a very special bond with her nephews, Colin and Dylan.

She is survived by her sisters: Lori Lenahan of Big Rapids, Lisa Lenahan of Paris, Lesley (Chris) Finkbeiner of West Branch, and Lorinda Lenahan of Reed City; her brother Luke (Lisa Start) Lenahan of Paris; and her nephews Colin Finkbeiner of Vernon, CT and Dylan Finkbeiner of Seattle, WA. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Georgene Lenahan and her sister-in-law Amy Lenahan.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Norma Jean "Jeanne" Lewis

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Norma Jean (Jeanne) Lewis. Our beloved Jeanne was born on October 24, 1956, to her loving parents Richard and Bernice (Kavanaugh) Merrill. Jeanne spent her childhood being raised in a small two-bedroom house with her parents, three brothers and four sisters who all fondly called her Bug. She spent many years sharing one bedroom with all her sisters. It is in that bedroom where these sisters would build a never-ending bond which would later in life become their own little adventure group with their many travels in the "Sistermobile", Jeanne's favorite destination being Shipshewana, IN. She would spend many summers as a child working hard on the Kovach blueberry farm where she would learn a good work ethic and how to make work fun. In 1974 Jeanne graduated from Otsego High School and still has many dear classmate friends. That year she would start working at McDonald's Corporation where she would continue to work for the next 16 years. It was at McDonald's that Jeanne would meet the love of her life, Kevin Lewis. On August 21, 1981, Jeanne and Kevin were married. After Kevin joined the U.S. Army, they found themselves living in beautiful Washington state where they started their family with daughters Kasie and Kelli. In 2010 she and Kevin would complete their family with the adoption of their daughter, Mackenna, who is currently a sophomore at Holland Christian High School. Jeanne continued to work for McDonald's in Tacoma and worked her way up to the position of Area Supervisor before leaving the company to concentrate on being a wonderful mom, which was the role she cherished most. A generous spirit led Jeanne to leading many young girls as a Girl Scout Leader for several years where she organized fantastic adventures for all her scouts. Her devotion would continue to manifest itself through her commitment to her daughters in band and swimming. She spent countless hours on the deck of swimming pools, volunteering along with Kevin as timers for swim meets which she loved every minute of timing meets right up to a few short weeks ago. As a wife, daughter, sister and mother of military veterans Jeanne generously cooked and served breakfast regularly for members of the Otsego American Legion and was active in the Blue Star Moms organization for many years. Jeanne loved to travel and explore, especially National Parks, which she was blessed to be able to do with Kevin and her girls throughout her adult life. When Jeanne had spare time, she loved to spend countless hours walking the beaches of Lake Michigan searching for beach glass and Petoskey stones which she had a knack for finding. A similar knack she had was for finding four-leaf clovers, cherishing one that was passed along to her by our Irish mother. Jeanne loved being Irish, so this was the perfect gift for her to have. Jeanne is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Richard and Patrick and her favorite brother-in-law Gary Chase. She is survived by her loving husband, Kevin, three daughters, Kasie Lewis of Windsor, CO, Kelli (David) Miscisin of Chandler, AZ and Mackenna of Otsego; cherished grandchildren Otis and Amira Jean Miscisin, along with siblings Joy Chase and Cheryl (Rick) VanderVeen of Galesburg, Tim (Sharon) Merrill, Sally (Dan) Perrin and Tammy (Bob) Bailey, all of Kalamazoo, sisters-in law Nyla Merrill and Linda Merrill, as well as mother-in-law Jeannette Freeman, father-in-law Donald (Sandy) Lewis, and brothers-in-law Craig (Waneta) Lewis, Bryan (Linda) Lewis and Scott (Angie) Lewis. She will also be terribly missed by many, many nieces and nephews and extended family who will never forget the fun family times at their home and in their pool, huge family 4th of July's with fish fry's and fireworks and of course, the Merrill Family Christmas parties. I would be remiss if I failed to mention her best friend Kyu (Chris) Jodon and their children Sylvia and Brandon who she loved as her own. Friends may visit Jeanne's family from 4-7PM, Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Winkel Funeral Home, Otsego. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Otsego United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dan Minor officiating. A luncheon at the church will follow. A short service will be held for family members only at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Jeanne will be cremated and at some point, her ashes spread on Mt. Rainier, WA by her daughters and I on a trail to her favorite spot from the aptly named Paradise Visitors Center. In lieu of flowers please consider making donations in her name to The Otsego American Legion, Blue Star Moms or the Allegan County Animal shelter with the family's gratitude. Messages of condolence may be posted at www.WinkelFuneralHome.com.

Norma Jean Lewis

LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by GordenFuneral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice as you the reader move forward through your personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

Ever heard the saying, "Preaching to the Choir.." or "Practice what you preach.."?

I recently lost my Mom..

You know you can have all the tools, materials, and training needed to push through Grief, but it still comes down to a choice. Moving forward is easier said than done most day's.

For me personally, I had too many responsibilities at first to actually take the time to grieve. Holiday's were the worst! Who is going to embrace the role of the unfiltered conversationalist? Mom was so good at that... She'd say the damndest things! One thing for me, was wondering when the wave was going to hit. Hoping and praying I would be at least, alone. So I could just purge, you follow? My, regrets, thanks, most of all that need to be forgiven, for dumb stuff....

Your choice is, just that. Your choice. You can choose to bask in the waters of sorrow and negativity, or use your Grief for something a bit more constructive. Everyone grieves differently, and there is no correct way to mourn loss. For me it comes and goes. Mostly selfish, is not that the truth about grief?

We miss the position the person held in our hearts and lives. Our considerations rarely focus on our loved release of pain, sickness, etc. What helps me, is knowing my Mom is with her Savior and Lord, Jesus. Where she is, is void of visits to Doctors, being placed on another pill, scheduling another surgery, etc. She can finally be at peace...

And that is what truly helps me, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

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Kathleen Mae Arnett

Kathleen Mae Arnett, age 83, of Saugatuck passed away peacefully on December 26, 2025, after an 8-year battle with dementia. Her family was at her bedside.

Born to Clyde and Marion Lyman of Pullman on August 31st, 1942, in South Haven. Surviving are her daughters Lesa (Tim) Williams of Fennville, Colleen Wininger of Colorado Springs and Melonie of Saugatuck, a stepdaughter Debbie (Jerry) Borden of Bangor. Her sister Linda Nelson of Jackson. 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Kathy was a 1960 graduate of Fennville High School. She retired from Herman Miller in 2001. She took a ride home in a limo with her husband, daughters, and friends, celebrating with wine and champagne.

Kathy and Jerry Arnett were married on January 1, 2000. They enjoyed a great life of traveling and living in the woods. They put many miles on their BMW motorcycle. Kathy had 75,000 miles on the back of that bike; she wore a heated suit. She loved to ride. She had visited all 50 states at one time or another, not only on the bike. Their favorite trips were to Hawaii; they had visited 6 times.

Kathleen Mae Arnett

She was a great wife and mother; she made their house a home and she will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers please send any contributions to Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Avenue, Holland, MI 49423.

A very special thanks to Deanna and Sydney, Dr. Stid, and chaplain Jim Daniels.

â€œWe saved the Best for Lastâ€

A visitation was held from 2:00 pm â€“ 3:30 pm, Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Dykstra Funeral Homes â€“ Saugatuck Chapel, 520 Lake Street, Saugatuck, MI, 49453. Committal services were held at Douglas cemetery with Chaplain Jim Daniels presiding.

To sign an on-line registry or leave a memory please visit www.dykstrafuneralhome.com

Tom Adams Callard

Tom Adams Callard was born in 1967 in Burlington, Vermont, to Bobbie (Elizabeth Lloyd Chater, Callard) and Jeff (Thomas Jefferson Callard Jr.). He spent his early years in Vermont and Michigan and graduated from Allegan High School in 1985.

Tom loved music, books, movies, the outdoors, and time spent with friends and his younger sister, Gennie (Genevieve Lloyd Callard) â€"interests that remained constant throughout his life. Deeply shaped by his family, he carried with him a gift for connecting with others, a love of travel, and a strong spiritual calling. His devotion to dogs, and his hair, was entirely his own.

Tom graduated summa cum laude from the University of Massachusetts Boston and later from Harvard Divinity School. His faith led him to Honduras, where he taught at St. Mary's School and served in the Diocese of Honduras. He was later ordained deacon and priest at St. Peter's in Chelsea, Massachusetts, where he met and married the love of his life, Sagrario Callard.

Together, Tom and Sagrario raised three children: Edwin, Maria, and Jefferson. The family moved to California, where Tom served as rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Highland Park. As rector of All Saints, Tom devoted himself to serving a community in need, working to build hope, connection, and community. After several years, they returned to Massachusetts, and Tom spent a decade serving as dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield. Tom loved walking the streets of Springfield on Ash Wednesdays, sharing kindness and care with everyone he met. He also devoted himself to strengthening the community, initiating programs, and organizing events that brought people together in fellowship. During this time, he also welcomed a beloved companion, Max, a 12-pound miniature poodle with golden curls.

Tom Adams Callard

In 2023, Tom returned to California to be closer to his children and became rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Escondido, where he served for two years until his passing. Tom loved his work deeply and cherished the many people he met and served throughout his life. He valued his family and his faith above all else. Tom passed away peacefully after saying goodbye to those he loved, leaving this world with grace and peace.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Jefferson Callard Jr. He is survived by his wife Sagrario, his children Edwin, Maria, and Jefferson, his mother Bobbie, his sister Gennie, and extended family members, friends, and parishioners. A funeral service will be held on January 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Escondido, California. All are welcome.

Paul Ray Earl Sr.

Paul Ray Earl Sr. passed on January 8, 2026, with family by his side at home in Hastings, MI. Paul was born to his late parents Lynn and Leola (LaGrange) Earl on December 25, 1942, in Allegan, MI. After graduating from Allegan High School, Paul would start working at the local dealership Weber Buick, then started his faithful career in 1962 until retirement in 2002 as the boiler operator and also a part of the maintenance team at the Rock-Tenn Papermill (a.k.a. Westrock) in Otsego, MI. While attending the Allegan County Fair, he met his first wife Joyce and would marry in 1964, sharing 33 years together before her passing. After many years later, Paul would meet his current wife Mary (Kettle) Earl and share 25 years together. Paul was an educated instructor and excellent shot, enjoyed teaching gun safety at the Fennville Rod and Gun Club to the youth. One of his students would go on to compete on an Olympic level. He was also a Michigan United Conservation Club Secretary and Vice President, advocating protection of Michigan's natural resources, outdoor heritage with pride. When he wasn't working, he was deep in the woods hunting, on the lakes fishing, or just being in the beautiful Allegan State Game Area (over 50k acres). When he made his way home, time with the grandkids gave him much joy. He loved his family more than anything and left a lasting impression on anyone he encountered.

Paul Ray Earl Sr.

He is survived by his wife Mary (Kettle) Earl; children Paul Earl Jr., Mark (Kim) Earl, Michelle (Mark) Colbath, and Jenee (Eric) Phillips; brother David Earl; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his first wife and parents; daughter Brenda Earl and daughter in law Jennifer Earl; siblings Robert Earl and Nancy Wolf.

Paul's Funeral Service will be from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM with an hour's visitation beforehand from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM on Friday, January 16, at Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, located at 528 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI, 49010. Private family graveside following the service at Poplar Hill. Luncheon details to be announced after the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Paul's name to the Capital Area Sportsmen's League at 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing, MI 48917.

Dana Andrew Emborsky

With deep sadness we announce the passing of Dana Andrew Emborsky, 75, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who went home to be with the Lord on November 25, 2025, after a courageous battle with cholangiocarcinoma. Dana passed peacefully at home, surrounded by the singing, tears, and laughter of his wife, Kimberlea, and daughter, Tasha.

Dana was born on January 3, 1950, in Salamanca, New York, to Daniel and Dolores Emborsky, both of whom preceded him in death. Dana proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for six years.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State, a Master's in Biblical Counseling, and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies. He walked out his faith as a teacher, computer programmer, residential childcare worker, and missions pastor.

Dana Andrew Emborsky

Dana is survived by his wife, Kimberlea Emborsky, and his daughter, Tasha Emborsky. He leaves behind his siblings: Dan, Dennis, Dawn, Debra, Don, Doug, and Drew, along with many nieces and nephews, and his church family.

Dana's life was a reflection of the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout his life he worked with prison, refugee, and at risk youth ministries and baking bread became a ministry later in life. A man of the Word, Dana loved to teach, disciple, and encourage others in their walk with Christ. His legacy of love, perseverance, and grace will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Letters to the editor

Ballroom, Venezuela actions only Epstein distractions

To the editor:

Here we are, beginning the two-hundred and fiftieth year of this experiment in governing "by the will of the people," and the primary topics in the news this past week are: the United States is invading a foreign country, planning to invade other foreign countries, killing an innocent American citizen, and building a gigantic ballroom addition to our White House. These topics are connected.

Consider the ballroom: It's a monstrosity which sprang from the "concept of an idea" by the current occupant of the historical structure, who believes himself to be above the law, immune from consequences and the final authority on everything from architecture to economic statistics to Tylenol. He begins by demolishing an historical structure, in a process which has no considered forethought, no oversight from an outside professional group, no specific plans for what will actually take its place.

It will be a "ballroom like no other ballroom in the history of the world! It will be huge! It will be unbelievable!" Asked in a recent interview if there is anything limiting what he can do in his role as president, he replied: "Yeah, there is one thing. My own morality. My own mind. It's the only thing that can stop me. I don't need international law," he added. "I'm not looking to hurt people." This is coming from a guy who palled around with Jeffrey Epstein for years, whose cognitive decline shows every time he is in front of a microphone, whose masked agents are harassing, manhandling and killing people here and whose international threats and exploits are terrorizing the world. It's the chaos, confusion and never ending distractions which mark this man and his regime.

In addition to spiking health insurance costs in our United States, the Republican's Big Ugly Bill also slopped billions of taxpayer dollars into the trough for an unaccountable, poorly trained, masked paramilitary, which answers primarily to Stephen Miller, an unelected, power hungry excuse for a deputy White House advisor, as well as the Secretary of Homeland Security, whose credentials include bragging about killing her puppy and and showing up everywhere with her fantastic botox makeover. They spin a false narrative about every questionable event, in spite of demonstrable facts to the contrary, and never consider the damage they are doing to all of us, the ordinary citizens of this nation. Kind of like bulldozing the East Wing for the glory of seeing the dust and smoke. In this case, they are bulldozing people whose main offense is having the wrong skin color. When one of their masked agents commits a horrible crime, they excuse it as having to deal with a "sinister left-wing movement." Yes, domestic terrorism is a real problem but now it's coming from the current administration.

Who are you going to believe? Your own eyes or Federal government officials who fabricate a series of distorted and conflicting narratives? To what end? To promote fear among us? Now the FBI has refused to cooperate with local authorities while investigating Wednesday's fatal shooting of an unarmed Minneapolis mother by an overzealous ICE officer. Is this how you behave when you're trying to bring every resource to bear to find the truth, rather than trying to cover up the unlawful behavior of your own poorly trained personnel? Is this what we, a nation of immigrants, are celebrating in our 250th year?

Nobody has explained how "our" oil got under Venezuela's land. Likewise, how did our precious metals get under Greenland's glaciers? Let's bulldoze these countries without thinking about the final outcome. Venezuela was governed by a horrible person. Removing him provided an excuse to give US oil companies access to their resources. Nice return on the billion or so dollars those same companies provided to Trump's campaign. Except now those oil execs are cautious about investing in such an enterprise without assurances the US will provide years and years of military support.

Who pays for that? What's in your wallet? As if all that's not enough to inspire caution, there's also the president's insistence that any oil revenue generated for our government by this project will not be held in the US Treasury but, instead, be deposited in unspecified off shore private accounts. What? More grifting? Being lectured by China and Russia about the morality of invading another country for their resources is an added bonus to this hare-brained scheme. The same is true of aspirations to take over Greenland. Threatening to assert sovereignty over that island is causing severe damage to our relations with European allies.

Any action to carry out that threat could destroy the NATO alliance and play right into Putin's desires. It's another case of FIRE! READY! AIM!

One thing is made clear by all these distractions and grandstanding: There must be some really bad stuff about Trump in the Epstein Files.

William and Mary Jones

A gift to residents- new fuel tax instituted

Dear Editor:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Michigan Legislature and the Governor. Both have delivered gifts increasing mine and your taxes, unwanted gifts. This article is about the Michigan Legislature and the Governor improving the States cash flow by changing the Michigan Fuel Tax Law. Lets compare the old fuel tax to the new fuel tax that starts on January 1, 2026.

Some background on fuel usage. In 2023, approximately 5.1 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel were sold in Michigan. This figure reflects a decline from previous years, indicating a trend in fuel consumption patterns. Of the 5.1 billing gallons, about 1 billion is from diesel and 4.1 billion gallons from gasoline. Fuel sales for 2024 and 2025 are missing even when searching with Artificial Intelligence (AI). Also note that the reported 100,000 electric cars in Michigan pay no fuel tax. The AI tools also failed to identify the legislators who developed and voted for this new fuel tax.

Under the old fuel tax, there is 31 cents per gallon plus a 6% sales tax. I was surprised to learn only 1% of the 6% sales tax went toward roads. The 31-cent money went somewhere else; even using the latest AI software could not locate where money went?

Under the new fuel tax law, the sales tax of 6% is replaced by a 21 cent per gallon tax. On the

State web sites, the fuel tax will be 51 cents per gallon; as reported, that's 31 plus 21 equals 51cents per gallon. Supposedly, all of the 21 cents per gallon will be used to fix the roads; the 31 cents fuel tax per gallon remains missing in action?

So how much tax money will be collected from you at the pump ever time you fill up? Let's look at some details. Using the gallons sold from 2023, there is about $510 million dollars collected from diesel and $2 billion dollars collected from gasoline. Just rounding the numbers that's $2.5 billion dollars for new roads or road repairs.

As usual, I'm suspicious of the motives of this new fuel tax because it's unclear how the money will actually be spent. Or perhaps Michigan is just following other States like New York, Minnesota, … and California who always increase taxes? Or perhaps the State Government is all together against lower any tax? Or they just don't like accountable fiscal policies??

The bottom line is, I'm not able to return this unwanted Christmas Gift or re-purpose it or exchange it. It's the Law and it's legal for the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to increase your taxes. Some might say, "I've been robbed" or "my money is being stolen".

Oh well, it's difficult to understand why so many Michiganders and elected officials are celebrating the new higher fuel tax? My questions remain, who voted electing these Legislative tax raising hounds? And, how can this unwanted gift be returned?

Philip Zamlynski

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

With all the ice and snow we have 'enjoyed' so far this season, this week's question is: "Do you kick the frozen slush out of your vehicle's wheel well?"

-Man in front of the Fennville hardware store: "Of course. Doesn't everyone do it in Michigan? I've been doing it for years, and my father and his father before me."

-Woman, same location: "My boyfriend does it for me. I don't like scuffing my shoes."

-Couple in front of the Blue Goose in Fennville; Man, "Naw, I don't need to do that. The driveway is so rough it takes care of it for me." Woman: "I wish he did. I think there is something so masculine about watching a man kick snow around. Teasing."

-Man in front of the Old Jail Museum: "I used to until I broke my big toe. It was my fault. I was trying to kick some ice loose in tennis shoes. That cured me of it."

-Woman in front of the Allegan Public Library: "My late husband used to do it before he died. He said you had to get the ice out of there to stop the car from rusting. So, I use a sidewalk edger to do it. Works good."

-Man in front of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church: "I don't know why we do it. I guess because it's there. It's sort of hard to resist."

-Friend with him, "Well, if you want to get really philosophical about it, because it is man's triumph over nature. Sort of our way of telling Mother Nature what we think of all this snow and ice."

-First man again, "You mean revenge. Why couldn't you just say 'revenge'? That makes more sense."

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: "We got to have something to do in winter, so…..? It beats watching TV all the time."

NOTICE

January 09, 2026

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANLIUS, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Manlius Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Manlius Township Hall, 3134 57th Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408, to consider the following:

A. Rezone requested for 80 acres in southwest corner of section 14, located at approximately 1320 feet east of corner of 52 nd street and 130 th Ave, vacant wooded land on north side of 130 th, Hamilton, MI 49419. Parcel # 03-014-014-010-00, request from current Manlius Ordinance Section 1.0600 Forestry and Recreational to Manlius Ordinance Section 1.0500 Agricultural Zoning.

B. The Manlius Township Planning Commission will also consider such other and additional business that shall come before the Zoning Board.

Application for rezone may be examined at the Manlius Township Hall. The Manlius Township Zoning Map and the Manlius Township Zoning Ordinance are available for review at the Manlius Township Hall during regular business hours, Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 4pm or by appointment with the undersigned.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing by the Manlius Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.

Manlius Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Manlius Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Manlius Township Clerk at clerk@manliustwp.org, phone 269 561 8855 and the address listed below.

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OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
CITY OF ALLEGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a sample of Ordinance 533, which was adopted by the Allegan City Council at a regular meeting held January 12, 2025.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLEGAN CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 29-73, TESTING TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: ALL BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING MUST BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED PLUMBER AS WELL AS HOLDING AN ACTIVE ASSE 5110 CERTIFICATION.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the City of Allegan Ordinance 533 is available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge St, during normal business hours, or upon request form the Allegan City Clerk.

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Smalldon, Fitzpatrick lead Bulldogs past Trojans

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The junior tandem of Brooke Smalldon and Madden Fitzpatrick formed quite the dynamic duo for the Otsego girls basketball team in its showdown with Plainwell on Friday, Jan. 9.

Both of those Bulldogs finished with a double-double to lead the Bulldogs to the 48-38 win in comeback fashion.

Smalldon had 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Fitzpatrick had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Those performances helped Otsego overcome a slow start that saw the Bulldogs trailing 16-14 at halftime.

"I know the halftime score didn't look good—and it wasn't good—but I honestly didn't think we played all that poorly in the first half," Otsego coach Tony Koshar said. "We were doing a lot of the things we wanted to do. We just couldn't get our shots to fall."

That started to change in the third quarter, as Otsego matched its offensive output from the first half to take a 28-25 lead.

The fourth quarter was even better for the Bulldogs, who used a 20-13 scoring edge to pull away.

"You could see our confidence start to grow there at the end of the third quarter and that carried over to the fourth quarter," Koshar said.

According to Smalldon, getting after it defensively was the key for the second-half surge.

"We just wanted to come out and play as tough defensively as we could," she said. "We know everything starts with defense and we wanted to make it as tough on (Plainwell) as possible."

And while Otsego utilized a full-court press throughout the game, Koshar admitted it was a bit more effective in the final stanza.

"Yeah, we pressed all game," he said. "But when your confidence starts to grow, your intensity usually gets a little higher. That's what happened to us, I think. We were pressing all game, but the girls were really getting after it in the fourth quarter and it was probably more noticeable."

Smalldon led the Otsego offense during that stretch, while Fitzpatrick had several key offensive rebounds that turned into points.

"Brooke is such a gifted offensive player," Koshar said. "But she's also so unselfish. She always puts the team first, and that's what really makes her such a special player.

"And Madden is one of those kids who just goes out and does the dirty work. She's always scrapping and diving on the floor, trying to make a play. As a coach, it's great to have a player like that because you know she'll do absolutely everything in her power to help the team be successful."

Koshar was also impressed by the play of Malania Miller (eight points and three rebounds) and Aubrey Lingbeek (six points and four steals).

"Malania is a kid whose minutes can kind of fluctuate from game to game," Koshar said. "But she's been working really hard and has earned more time on the court.

"And Audrey is our only senior. She's kind of the emotional leader and the one who keeps us focused."

Otsego's Madden Fitzpatrick drives to the basket against Plainwell's Tessie Kiel. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Anna Overway led Plainwell with 15 points, 11 rebounds and three steals. Alyssa Weldon and Kaylee VanAtter each added seven points, while Alanya Ranney had five points.

Tessie Kiel chipped in with eight rebounds, with Weldon and Ranney snagging six boards each.

Plainwell starts quick and holds off Otsego at end

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Would the Otsego boys basketball team extend its winning streak, or would Plainwell bounce back from a tough loss to Mattawan three days earlier.

That was the question when the Bulldogs hosted the archrival Trojans on Friday, Jan. 9, for the first of two meetings between the teams this season.

As it turned out, it was the latter situation as Plainwell started quickly and led by more than 20 points at one time before settling for the 52-46 victory.

The win upped the Trojans' record to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the Wolverine Conference after a 50-35 loss to Mattawan on Tuesday, Jan. 6, snapped what had been a five-game winning streak.

Otsego, meanwhile, entered the game on a five-game winning streak following a pair of losses to start the season. The Bulldogs fell to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the league.

"We did not finish the game at Mattawan like we should have, and we knew coming into Otsego for the rivalry game that we had better be on our game," Plainwell coach Larry Ash said. "We needed to set a tone right off the bat and then focus on the discipline part of the game, like staying organized."

And set the tone right off the bat is exactly what the Trojans did, jumping out to a 7-0 lead less than a minute into the game to prompt a timeout by Otsego coach Matt Dennis.

Chib Amaezechi had a 3-point play during that stretch on his way to 13 points, one behind Reece Trahan for the team lead. Drew Rayman scored 10 points to give Plainwell a third double-digit scorer.

Amaezechi also led Plainwell with four assist and three blocks.

"The quick start gives you a little confidence, especially if the other team has to call an early timeout," Ash said. "Then it becomes a matter of who is going to be that leader to make sure we don't get too full of ourselves or cocky."

The rest of the first quarter was much more competitive, with Otsego actually holding a 12-9 scoring edge as Plainwell's lead stood at 16-12. The Trojans led 26-19 at halftime.

The third quarter, though, belonged to the Trojans, who outscored Otsego 19-8 to take a 45-27 lead to the final frame.

"Rivalry games are a lot of fun, but for a young team like ours, it's a big stage and a big moment," Dennis said. "It took us about three quarters to settle in and just play Bulldog basketball, specifically on the offensive end of the floor.

Plainwell's Reece Trahan eyes the basket as Otsego's Wyatt Dennis plays defense. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"By that point, we were already down 18, and that's a tough hole to climb out of."

But the Bulldogs didn't go quietly, as they went on a 1907 run in the fourth quarter to pull within six points before time expired.

"Credit to Plainwell," Dennis said. "They came out more physical, they hit the glass hard and they forced us into way too many turnovers. You give up second-chance points and turn it over 20 times, it's tough to win any game, especially a rivalry one.

"But even with the loss, I think this game helps us. Our guys got a real taste of what this rivalry feels like. They know now what kind of energy and execution it takes to compete with the top teams in the conference."

Leeland Longcore and Wyatt Dennis each had a game-high 16 points to lead Otsego. Longcore also had six rebounds, while Wyatt Dennis had five assists.

"I'm proud of the way we finished," Matt Dennis said. "We made it a game late. That kind of fight tells me we're headed in the right direction. We'd always rather come out with a win, but looking back, this might end up being a turning point for us."

Ash, meanwhile, praised Ronald Nunez and Luke Filkins for their contributions to the win.

Nunez had a game-best 11 rebounds. Filkins had seven points and played solid defense in the middle with three steals.

"Ronald and Luke did a great job," Ash said. "For Ronald, we wanted him to just stay in front of the point guard. He is a really good point guard. Plus he 11 rebounds and we were really glad he played a good game.

"Luke stepped up on the inside game controlling the paint and making some good decisions."

The teams are slated to meet again on Friday, Feb. 13, at Plainwell. Not that Ash cares about that game right now.

"The message I shared was that we have a long way to go and we need to focus every day to improve and take one game at a time," Ash said. "I think the Wolverine conference is pretty good. Everyone is playing tough non-conference games and if you underestimate someone, you might get beat.

"We just need to hold each other accountable and keep our improvement standards high if we want to reach our goals."

Allegan cheer takes first at league jamboree

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SCHOOLCRAFT—So far, so good for the Allegan competitive cheer team when it comes to its pursuit of a third straight SAC championship.

The Tigers opened the conference schedule at the Schoolcraft Jamboree on Thursday, Jan. 8, placing first among the six Division 3 squads.

Allegan finished with 684.34 points. Buchanan was runner-up with 634.7 points, followed by Parchment (630.64), South Haven (572.96), Berrien Springs (550.26) and Dowagiac (540.4).

"The girls had three solid rounds even after having to make last-minute changes due to illness," Allegan coach Nicole Durr said.

Durr was particularly pleased with the effort of junior Kaylin Rader.

"Kaylin stepped in as a back spot in round 3 the day of the competition and handled the change with ease," Durr said.

Allegan had the highest score in each of the three rounds, beginning with a 212.8 in Round 1. A 193.44 followed in Round 2, before finishing up with a 278.1 in Round 3.

"The girls earned the top score in each round," Durr said. "They did an amazing job adapting and helping each other out to get things updated quickly. Their hard work definitely showed in their performances."

On Saturday, Jan. 10, Allegan hosted the Tiger Rumble and surpassed 700 points to place second for the day.

The Allegan competitive cheer team performs at a recent event. (Photo provided)

Martin girls beat Delton

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DELTON—A strong first-half defensive effort set the tone for the Martin girls basketball team in its road contest with Delton on Friday, Jan. 9.

The Clippers limited the Panthers to six points in the first half—including none in the second quarter—to take a 22-6 lead on the way to the 37-22 win.

"We played a great first half of defense, and then Delton played well in the second half," Martin coach Eric Zudweg said. "They are coached well and pushed us until the very end.

"We did not shoot the ball well overall, but we made some critical shots when it counted."

Anna Jager led the offensive effort, going for 17 points and five rebounds. Torryn Harris added eight points, eight rebounds and six steals.

Kylie Meyers had six points and seven rebounds.

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Brooke Smalldon
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Girls Basketball

Any time Otsego and Plainwell compete in athletics, it's a big deal.

But the girls basketball game between the schools on Friday, Jan. 9, had an extra layer of intensity as the teams entered the game with a combined record of 10-1.

Otsego junior Brooke Smalldon did her part to make sure the Bulldogs came out on top, scoring 16 points and snagging 11 rebounds.

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Otsego's Smith wins two events at D3 Midseason Invite

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HOLLAND—Otsego senior Liam Smith will continue his swimming career at the University of Florida next season.

In the meantime, he has some more dominating to do at the high school level.

That included taking home a pair of first-place finishes at the Division 3 Mid-Season Invitational at the Holland Aquatic Center on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Smith won 200-yard IM (1:51.21) by more than 13 seconds over Allegan's Corbin Chopp (second at 2:04.53) before winning the 100 backstroke at 49.89.

Both of those times set new meet records.

Plainwell's Sam Harper (1:42.65 in the 200 freestyle) and Hamilton's Brodie Brown (358.55 in diving) were the other two Allegan County athletes to claim first-place finishes.

In the team standings, Allegan had the best showing of the local teams with 204 points, putting the Tigers fourth behind Spring Lake (372), Holland Christian (340) and East Grand Rapids (303).

Plainwell was fifth with 183 points, while Otsego was seventh with 150 points and Hamilton was 11th with 103 points.

Otsego coach Darryl Belton said the is running out of words to say about Smith, who already has five state championships to his credit.

"What more can I say about Liam," Belton said. "Two meet championships and he set the meet record in both of those events. That about says it all."

Freshman Brayden Meyer and sophomore Liam Raseman also shined for Otsego.

Meyer was second in the 500 free (4:53.21) and third in the 200 free, while Raseman was third in the 500 free (4:54.5) and eighth in the 200 free (1:53.9).

"I can't say enough good things about Liam and Brayden," Belton said. "Their 500 swim was something. Both of them getting well under five minutes was huge for us."

For Allegan, Chopp and Oliver Burnett were among the standouts.

In addition to his runner-up showing to Smith in the 200 IM, Chopp was second in the 100 breaststroke at 1:01.74.

Burnett, meanwhile, placed third in the 50 free (22.21) and fifth in the 100 free (49.92).

Also earning individual medals by placing in the top eight were Cadel Conrad in the 200 IM (fifth at 2:11.49) and Sam Kelley in the 100 backstroke (eighth at 59.62).

The Allegan quartet of Sam Kelley, Josh Kelley, Chopp and Burnett also had the best local event in the relays, placing second in the 200 free at 1:32.62.

"Overall, this was a strong and complete team performance," Allegan coach Carol Gephart said. "The athletes competed with consistency and focus, trusted their preparation and executed well in a highly competitive setting.

"The results reflected solid training, mental discipline and a clear commitment to racing at a high level."

Harper added a third-place finish in the 100 free at 47.52 for Plainwell. Also medaling for Plainwell were Aidan Ranger in diving (fifth at 308.05) and Davis Nooney in the 200 IM (eighth at 2:16.41).

Hamilton's Jayden Bierschbach was third in diving with 331.4 points.

Otsego's Liam Smith

Bulldog bowling teams find success during busy week

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BATTLE CREEK—It was a busy—and productive—stretch for Otsego bowling, with both the girls and boys teams turning in strong performances during conference play and at the Battle of the Bakers tournament in Battle Creek.

The week opened with a Wolverine Conference loss for the Otsego girls against a solid Edwardsburg squad, but the Bulldogs bounced back in a big way on Saturday, Jan. 10, rolling past Loy Norrix 24–6.

Several bowlers put together impressive games, including Emma Gilson, who broke her personal best in the first game with her new ball, then broke it again in game two.

On Sunday, Jan. 11, the Bulldogs made the trip to Battle Creek for the annual Battle of the Bakers tournament, which featured more than 50 boys and girls teams from around the state. Otsego finished fifth overall after 12 qualifying Baker games, earning a playoff matchup against fourth-ranked Napoleon.

Napoleon took game one in the best-of-three series, but Otsego answered with a strong game two to force a deciding game. The Bulldogs pushed it to the wire before coming up just short by roughly 10 pins to finish fifth overall—an impressive showing in a crowded field.

The Otsego boys also stacked together a strong week, starting with a tight 17–13 Wolverine Conference win over Edwardsburg. The match came down to the final two pins, with senior captain Cole Kortokrax doubling to start the 10th frame and getting just enough count on his last ball to secure the victory.

The momentum carried into Saturday as Otsego rolled to a 28–2 win over Loy Norrix. First-year bowler Conor Taylor made his varsity debut and came out firing, posting a 166 and taking his point.

Sunday's Battle of the Bakers brought another early morning and another varsity debut—this time for Tanner Byron.

The Bulldogs qualified seventh and drew No. 2 seed Hastings in the playoff round. Otsego dominated game one, dropped a close game two, and then came up five pins short in the deciding third game to finish fifth overall.

Hamilton wrestling goes 4-1 at Decatur

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DECATUR—The Hamilton wrestling team put together a strong weekend showing at the Decatur Duals on Saturday, Jan. 10, winning four of five duals while showcasing several standout individual performances.

The Hawkeyes opened with a tight 42–38 loss to host Decatur before rebounding with wins over Niles (48–34), Coloma (64–13), Cassopolis (60–21) and Gobles (54–22).

Big wins for Hamilton included Weston Geerlings defeating D4 No. 15 Bryce Cartwright (Coloma) by major decision, 12–4 at 113 and Tyler Block pinning D4 No. 10 Alan Wegner (Cassopolis) at 165 to cap a 5–0 day.

"What stood out today wasn't just the wins—it was how we wrestled," Hamilton coach Trent Holyfield said. "We kept attacking, we didn't panic when things got tough, and we supported each other. That's growth. We will keep chasing that standard every practice and every match."

Prior to the trip to Decatur, Hamilton competed in a pair of duals on Wednesday, Jan. 7, earning a 38–33 win over Holland before falling to Northview 43–27.

The Hawkeyes' win over Holland pushed them to 2–0 in conference action, highlighted by a pair of top-15 matchups. No. 3 Chase Morrison (132) pinned No. 11 Aiden Segovia, and No. 1 Bryce Morrison (150) topped No. 8 Makario Stark by major decision, 15–1.

Martin boys drop game to Delton

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DELTON—The third quarter couldn't have started much better for the Martin boys basketball team.

Down 31-21 at halftime, the Clippers opened the third stanza on a 9-0 run—including a dunk from Ethan Fitzpatrick—to narrow the gap to a single point.

But Delton closed the quarter on a 10-0 spurt to reclaim control and ultimately hand Martin the 53-37 loss.

"It was a hard-fought divisional game," Martin coach Corby Callaway said. "Our guys played hard, but some costly turnovers hurt us."

Jackson Kennedy paced Martin with 10 points and nine rebounds, while Blake Sweeting went for 10 points, six rebounds, four assists and four blocks.

Fitzpatrick finished with nine points.

Otsego girls beat Three Rivers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

THREE RIVERS—Just one day after dropping a 46-45 overtime decision to Gull Lake for its first loss of the season, the Otsego girls basketball team had to travel to Three Rivers for a Wolverine Conference makeup game on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Would there be any negative carryover from the previous night? In a word, no.

Otsego jumped out to an 18-7 lead after one quarter and were up 37-15 at halftime in cruising to the 60-41 win.

Brooke Smalldon was a force in the first half, scoring 22 of her game-best 24 points before halftime to lead Otsego.

Four other Bulldogs—Mya Engbers, Emma Engbers, Audrey Lingbeek and Madden Fitzpatrick—score six points each.

Fitzpatrick had eight rebounds, while Smalldon dished out four assists to go with six steals. Mya Engbers also had six steals.

Plainwell girls bounce back from loss to archrival Bulldogs

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—After suffering its first loss of the season against archrival Otsego three days earlier, the Plainwell girls basketball team was hoping to get back on the winning track when the Trojans hosted Lakewood on Monday, Jan. 12.

Mission accomplished.

Three Plainwell players scored in double figures—led by Anna Overway with 17 points—as the Trojans posted the 56-43 victory.

"We really needed this win, and I liked the way we went about getting it," Plainwell coach Elexis Buchanan said. "The girls played hard, played together and played smart.

"After a tough loss Friday night, they were determined to get back to playing Plainwell basketball."

Alyssa Weldon added 14 points for Plainwell, while Kaylee VanAtter went for 13.

Plainwell led from the start, going up 16-5 after one quarter and 32-11 at halftime.

"Our bench gave us some huge minutes, we controlled the tempo for the most part and you can see it starting to click that when we're patient, the game opens up," Buchanan said. "That patience lets us see our options, make the necessary adjustments, and create good opportunities.

"This was a good step in the right direction."

Prior to the Otsego game, Plainwell beat Mattawan 47-37 on Tuesday, Jan. 19, led by 19 points from Weldon.

VanAtter added 10 points, followed by six from Overway and five from Tessie Kiel.

Plainwell led 10-4 after one quarter, 26-11 at halftime and 38-21 at the end of the third stanza.

Overway had 12 rebounds in the win, while Alayna Ranney had four assists.

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Saugatuck girls continue winning ways with two victories

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—All I Do Is Win.

That's the title of a song released by DJ Khaled in 2010.

Apparently, it's also the mantra of the Saugatuck girls basketball team.

The Trailblazers stayed unbeaten at 6-0 thanks to a 67-27 blowout over Holland Black River in a SAC Central showdown on Friday, Jan. 9.

A total of nine Saugatuck players made their way into the scoring column. That includes a game-topping 22-point effort from Natalia Laskowski.

Mylah Simpson added 15 points.

In addition to being 6-0 overall, Saugatuck improved to 3-0 in the SAC Central to stay atop the division standings.

Three days earlier, the Trailblazers returned to action after a hiatus of nearly three weeks for Christmas break.

The result was a 53-45 victory over the visiting Lawton Blue Devils, avenging a 50-43 loss from last season that snapped Saugatuck's season-opening five-game winning streak.

Lawton (3-2) entered the game ranked fourth in Division 4.

"Our girls used grit and lockdown defense to remain undefeated," Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said. "I'm beyond proud of our kids tonight. They are such a player-led group that works so hard in practice to prepare for nights like tonight."

Simpson led all scorers with 17. But Tringali was equally impressed with her defense, as she limited one of Lawton's top scoring threats to just four points.

Laskowski finished with eight points to go with 10 rebounds as she nearly collected the double-double.

"What I love about this team is they are all about the greater good," Tringali said. "We have two phenomenal players in Mylah and Tali who scored below their (season) averages as we asked them to play different spots and they were all about doing whatever it takes. It was their defense along with their teammates' defense that was the difference in the game."

Senior Ada Roth also stepped up with four 3-pointers in key situations.

"Ada has been the X-factor and has fully taken advantage of teams having to focus on others," Tringali said. "Her basketball IQ is through the roof and she plays both ends of the floor very well."

Freshmen Charlee Gustafson finished with a career-high 15 rebounds.

Allegan swim & dive beats Harper Creek

BATTLE CREEK—The Allegan boys swim team opened the new year with a strong road victory Tuesday, Jan. 6, defeating Harper Creek 97–77.

The meet featured several standout performances, including two state-meet qualifying swims. Corbin Chopp earned a state cut in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:12.68, while Oliver Burnett qualified in the 100 butterfly, touching the wall in 57.91.

Allegan captured first place in 10 events on the night. Burnett won both the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly, while Chopp claimed victories in the 200 IM and the 100 freestyle.

Sam Kelley took first in the 50 freestyle, and Cadel Conrad won the 100 backstroke.

The Tigers also swept all three relay events.

The 200 medley relay of Sam Kelley, Chopp, John DeLaet and Josh Kelley finished first, as did the 200 freestyle relay of Ezra Smith, Josh Kelley, DeLaet and Burnett. Allegan closed the meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay, swum by Chopp, Conrad, Sam Kelley and Burnett.

This meet marked Allegan's first competition back after the Christmas break.

"The team put in significant work over the break, and the results showed with solid racing and notable time drops across the lineup," Allegan coach Carol Gephart said.

Hamilton swim falls

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—The Hamilton boys swim & dive team hosted Middleville on Thursday, Jan. 8, and came out on the wrong end of a 103-82 final score.

Despite the loss, the Hawkeyes took first place in six of the 12 events.

Event winners for Hamilton were: the 200-yard medley relay team of Brendan Hansen, Zach Bain, Brett VandenBerg and Cillian Slater (1:49.85); Slater in the 50 free (24.37) and the 100 free (53.09); Brodie Brown in diving (229.85); VandenBerg in the 100 butterfly (58.68); and Bain in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.21).

Saugatuck's Mylah Simpson (center) battles for possession of the ball in the Lawton game. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

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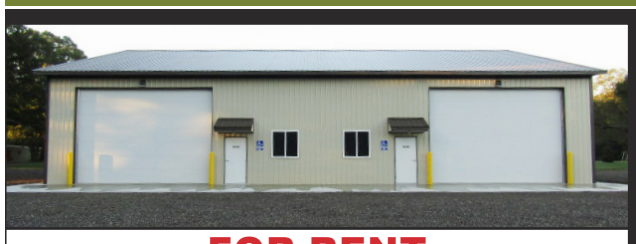

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Allegan Community Players prepares for spring productions

By Gari Voss

Kids vs Adults – call for scripts

In preparation for the 12th Annual One Acts Festival, the Allegan Community Players has created the friendly competition of Kids vs Adults. Playwrights are encouraged to create 10-15 minute one act scripts and submit them to administrator@allegancommunuity-players.org by January 31, 2026.

After the success of the 11th Annual One Acts Festival that spotlighted youth, ACP felt it was time to pit the youth against the adults in designing well written scripts that stress the issues of the young and not so young. A combination of drama and comedy that unwrap problems encountered by young and older will be selected to create an evening of entertainment at the Griswold Auditorium.

When submitting scripts, playwrights must indicate if it is a Kids or Adults submission. The scripts will be reviewed and announced early in February with auditions to follow.

Heroes and Scoundrels

Auditions were held and rehearsals have begun for *Heroes and Scoundrels* that will be on stage at the Griswold Auditorium on Hubbard Street in Allegan on March 19-22, 2026.

The script was written by Spike Kunetz, a veteran playwright from Chicago's The Second City, is a provocative collection of seven short plays that challenge conventional notions of heroism and villainy.

The production has been heralded as, "Intelligent and witty, as each vignette explores the shifting boundaries between virtue and vice: the dangers of blind hero worship, the possibility of redemption for the morally compromised, and the unsettling truth that one person's hero may be another's scoundrel. This thought-provoking theatrical mosaic invites audiences to question their assumptions and discover the messy humanity behind the labels."

The production does contain adult language. Shows will be at the Griswold Auditorium, the home of the Allegan Community Players, one of the oldest continuous community theaters in Michigan, on March 19-21, 2026, 7:30 p.m., March 22, 2:00 p.m.

Keep Informed. Be sure to check into https://www.facebook.com/AlleganCommunityPlayers/, https://www.allegancommunityplayers.org/, and the Allegan District Library for opportunities to participate in acting and improv workshops, and upcoming productions offered by the Allegan Community Players. Photo courtesy of ACP

Retirement Class covers changes due to new legislation and tax rules

By Gari Voss

For those who are recently retired or those who would like to retire with a solid income, the National Retirement Foundation is sponsoring a workshop titled "Retirement Class in Wayland". Recent changes in legislation could impact IRA withdrawals, Social Security, and Medicare costs.

The no-cost educational class will be held at the Leighton Township Library, 4451 12th St., in Wayland, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, or at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22nd. Contact Andrew Vander Schaaf at andrew.s.vanderschaaf@gmail.com to register.

The information presented will cover:

- What the new legislation means to retirement accounts.
- Whether or not Roth Conversions make sense to do.
- Withdrawal strategies for Tax Deferred, After Tax, and Tax Free Accounts.
- How to plan for 2026 to avoid potential retirement tax issues and market volatility.
- Strategies to avoid Medicare surcharges.
- Tax-efficient income strategies and retirement planning.

This is clear, simple education where no products or services will be sold. There is no need to share finances with the National Retirement Foundation.

This is an educational event, during which participants can learn how to keep more of their hard-earned money in retirement. The class will include:

Reviewing a comprehensive curriculum covering the essential aspects of successful retirement planning.

Understanding how taxes impact retirement and strategies to minimize tax burden.

Learning when and how to claim benefits to maximize your lifetime income.

Creating a sustainable withdrawal plan that preserves your assets.

Developing a diversified portfolio aligned with your retirement goals.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD
Ordinance No. 190

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Gun Plain Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 190 on Thursday January 8, 2026 at their regular Township Board meeting. Ordinance No. 190 is an Ordinance to adopt Electric Service Franchise Ordinance to read as follows:

ORDINANCE N0. 190
REVOCABLE
ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE granting to Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., ("Wolverine" or "Franchisee") its successors and assigns, the right, power, and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the adoption and approval hereof, to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain in Gun Plain Charter Township, Allegan County, the necessary facilities for the production, transmission, and sale of electric energy at wholesale to its member-distribution cooperatives and between Wolverine and other parties pursuant to wholesale power agreements, and to use and occupy the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in which the Township has a public interest upon which the parties may agree to in the future, to set poles, string wires, lay pipes or conduits, and to transact an electric business.

BE IT ORDAINED:

Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., its successors and assigns, is hereby granted and vested with the non-exclusive right, power, and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the adoption and approval hereof, as provided by law, to acquire, construct, maintain, or operate in the Township of Gun Plain Charter necessary facilities for the production, transmission, and sale of electric energy at wholesale rates to its member-distribution cooperatives and between Wolverine and other parties pursuant to wholesale power agreements, and to construct and maintain along, upon, across, or under the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in which the Township has a public interest upon which the parties may agree to in the future, to set poles, wires, pipes or conduit and other necessary fixtures and equipment for such purposes within Allegan Township.

1) Revocation. The franchise granted herein is revocable by the Township Board as provided by law.
2) No Injury to Street or Rights of Way. The Franchisee shall not injure any street, highway and alley, or in any manner disturb or interfere with any water, sewer or other utility line, now or hereafter laid or constructed by any authorized person within the public streets or rights of way.
3) Notification & Approval before Commencing Work. The Franchisee, before entering upon any street, highway and alley for the purpose of constructing or installing electric transmission lines or other apparatus, within the public right of way, shall in writing notify the Board of County Road Commissioners of Allegan County, or the Superintendent of said Board, or other proper authority, of the proposed construction, and obtain approval thereof, and shall, if said Board so requires, file with it a sufficient plan and specification of the proposed erection and construction. Upon completion of any construction project, the franchisee shall, to the extent reasonably practical, restore the site to its condition prior to commencement of construction. Furthermore, Franchisee shall notify the Township Board, or its designee, of any new or different transmission lines or other facilities that are to be built in the Gun Plain Charter Township.
4) Construction. The Franchisee shall not allow any street, highway or alley to remain encumbered by the construction work of the said franchisee for a longer period than shall be necessary to execute the said work, and the Board of County Road Commissioners of Allegan County shall determine the question of such necessity.
5) Insurance and Indemnification. The Franchisee shall furnish the Township proof of insurance and indemnify and hold the Township harmless from any and all costs, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Township by reason of the Franchisee's acts and omissions in the installation and maintenance of the electric transmission system and other related apparatus or equipment used in the operating of its electric utility business within the Township.
6) Compliance with Laws. The Franchisee shall comply with all applicable safety standards and requirements of the National Electric Safety Code, MI-OSHA and any other appropriate entity, and shall also comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
7) Compliance with Zoning. At all times, Franchisee shall comply with the requirements of the Gun Plain Charter Township or Allegan County Zoning Ordinance, if applicable, with respect to any of its installations, operations, and non-power line structures, including, but not limited to meter houses, storage sheds, and other similar roofed buildings within electric distribution and transmission substations.
8) Assignment. The Franchise granted by this Ordinance may be assigned by the Franchisee upon written consent of the Township, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. It shall be reasonable for the Township to withhold consent if the proposed assignee does not have an equal or superior financial condition as that of the Franchisee.
9) Effective Date. This Ordinance will take effect upon publication of the Ordinance pursuant to applicable law.

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Jan. 18, 1951

Mission Family Will Be Re-United Here: Acutely concerned with increasingly worse conditions in the Orient is Mrs. E. W. Reatz, an Allegan visitor, who, when she left China a month ago, left behind a "family" of 3,200 children.

Her apprehension is for the orphans under the care of China's Children, an American agency for which she and her husband have been superintendents the last five years. The work has been their greatest assignment in many years of missionary work.

Mrs. Reatz will receive the latest news, of the 11 orphanages, the one with 26 orphanages in China, when her husband arrives next week. She arrived only shortly before Christmas to visit her mother, Mrs. Amy Meeker, and sister, Miss Amy Meeker, superintendent of nurses at Allegan Health Center.

"When I left, anti-American propaganda was growing worse every day," Mrs. Reatz explains. "Since each of our orphanages was sponsored by an American individual or organization, I'm afraid our Chinese workers will find it more and more difficult to associate with an American enterprise."

"Up to December, however, Communists had allowed orphanages to operate with no more interference than continuous propaganda claiming we are officially the children to Russian rule."

Jan. 15, 1976

Security tightened at county jail: Law enforcement authorities are piecing together a case against Richard F. Dixon, accused murderer of a South Haven policeman, but are not publicly releasing some of the evidence for fear of having the trial's location changed.

The most recent information released by Detective Sgt. Robert Rank of the South Haven State Police post is that Dixon was staying for an undetermined time in a South Haven cottage on Sand Bar Beach. It is estimated that he had been there since just before Christmas.

Why he was there, who owns the cottage, and where he was before the Friday shooting is unknown to the public, but authorities admit they have some ideas.

Dixon is currently being detained without bond in the Allegan County Jail charged with the first degree murder of Patrolman Michael McAllister, 39, who was killed Friday outside of South Haven while answering a call that gun shots were fired in the area.

Security at the jail has been intensified after Dixon reportedly said he may be killed. But Sheriff Robert Whitcomb has said that Dixon didn't tell him any such thing, and other authorities said they also have not heard Dixon express fear for his life.

Jan. 18, 2001

Spanish interpreter bridges gulf of language: An accused man, a native of Mexico with long, straight, black hair and twilight skin, small in stature, stands at a lectern facing a judge in district court. A second man stands beside him.

The judge is finishing a preliminary hearing for the accused, a routine accounting of his identity and a listing of charges that often takes only five minutes or so. As the judge bends to write a guilty plea on the case paper work, the accused mutters something to the second man at the lectern, who speaks.

"Just a moment, your honor," he says.

The accused and the second man confer back and forth in Spanish in low tones. A recent immigrant in the United States, the Mexican is just beginning to learn English. The judge, who speaks no Spanish, calmly waits for the exchange to end.

"He wants to plead not guilty, your honor," the second man says.

The judge readily accepts and enters the plea. He completes a few more legal niceties such as whether the accused wants a court-appointed attorney and whether he prefers a trial by judge or by jury. Now the case is on its way, as intended through the system. A miscarriage of justice due to a language barrier has been avoided.

Thanks in part to a Spanish interpreter.

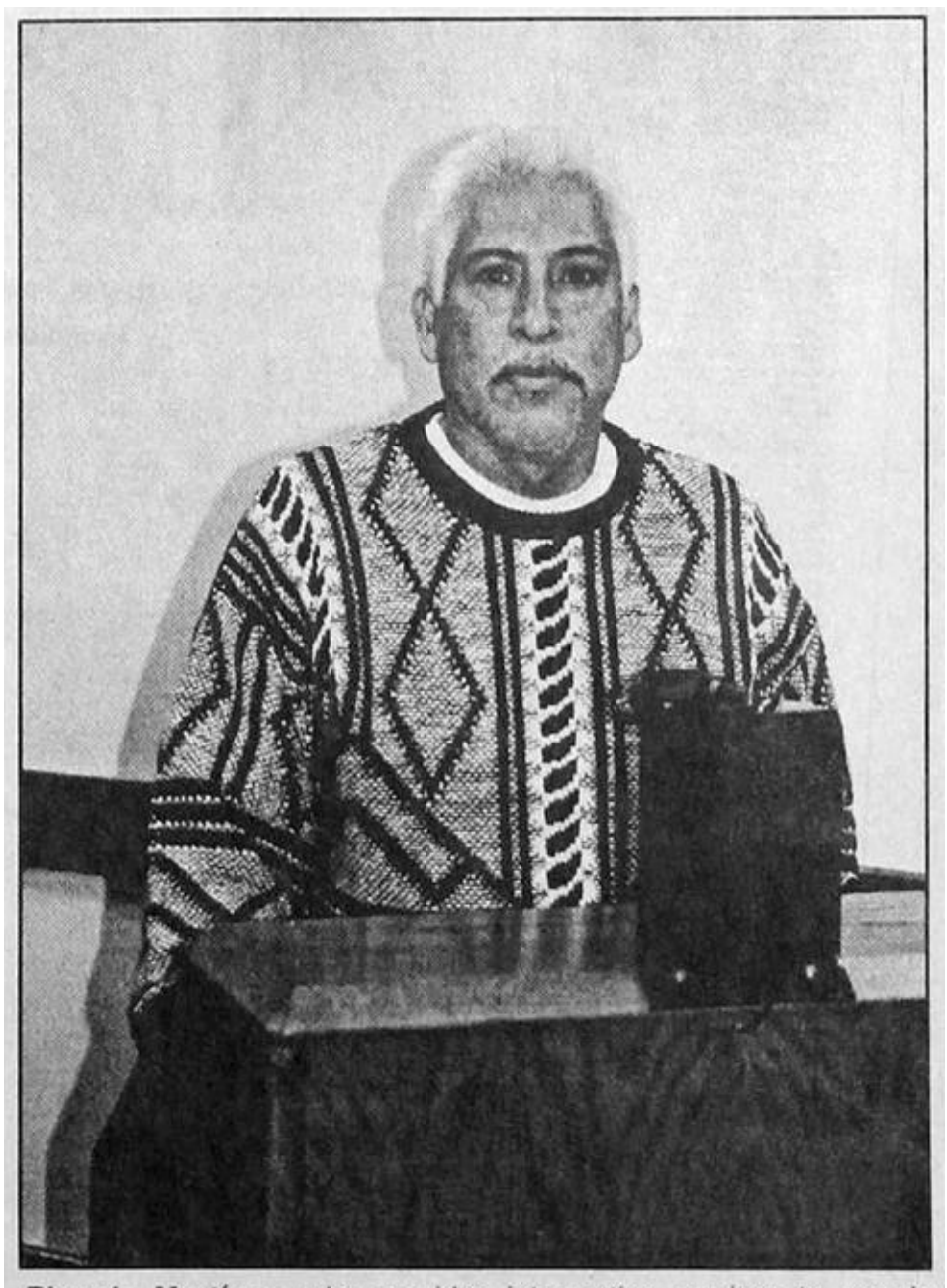
If the above scene had been an actual hearing in Allegan County, the second man at the lectern might well have been Ricardo Martínez.

Born in Texas, Martínez came to Michigan at age 14. Almost immediately he began interpreting in a bilingual program at Fennville Public Schools. His commitment to promoting a better understanding between people separated by language has become a lifelong passion.

Jan. 21, 2021

Otsego's Sullivan, Plainwell's Nugent claim state titles: Otsego junior Abie Sullivan entered the Division 3 Girls' Swim & Dive state finals in search of her first state championship in diving, while Plainwell junior Riley Nugent was in search of her third straight state title in the 500-yard freestyle.

Each of them was successful in her mission. And both did so in dominating fashion.



Ricardo Martínez, who provides interpretive services to people who speak dialects of Spanish, stands in a place familiar to him . . . a lectern in a courtroom. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

Sullivan amassed 455.50 points on Friday, Jan. 15, putting her nearly 110 points ahead of runner-up Samantha Plough (355.50) to claim the diving crown. Nugent finished the 500 with a time of 5:06.47 on Saturday, Jan. 16, to finish nearly five seconds before second-place finisher Erika Pietras of Grosse Ille (5:11.28).

Sullivan, who had the title wrapped up following after 10 dives despite still having one dive remaining, set the pool record with her score.

"With Abie having already won, my biggest fear was that she would belly flop the final dive," Otsego coach Darryl Belton said. "Then I saw she was only 40 points off of the pool record and I knew her competitiveness would be in overdrive, so I kind of enjoyed that dive the most."

The state title is the culmination of an upward journey that saw Sullivan place ninth as a freshman and third as a sophomore.

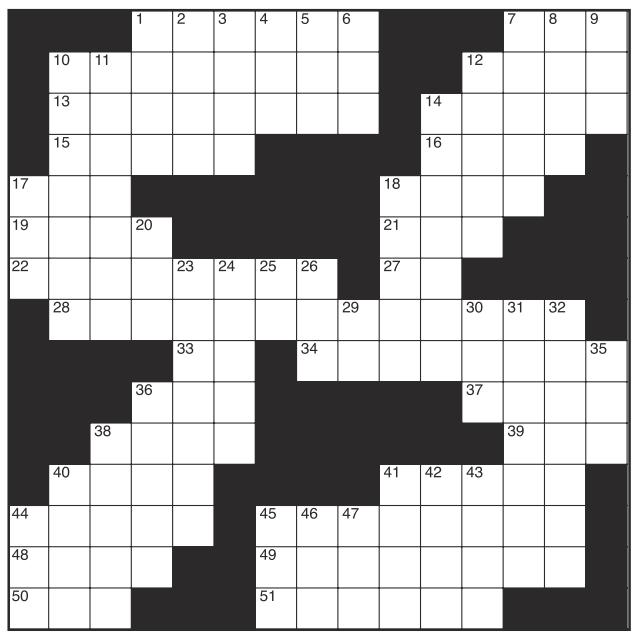
Nugent also has a tremendous work ethic, as evidenced by her 3-peat in the sport's most grueling event.

"Riley is an extremely hard worker and very determined and focused on her goals," Plainwell coach Andrea Murphy said. "I was happy that she was able to accomplish her goal, especially the year that anyone who played a high school sport had to go through."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Richard Dixon, right, accused of shooting to death a South Haven policeman Friday, is led to district court for arraignment. With Dixon were in front, Lew Brandt, district court baliff; left rear, Prosecutor Fred R. Hunter; and right rear, Detective Sgt. Robert Rank of the South Haven state police post. Dixon stood mute and said he'd retain his own attorney.

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Mechanical lever
7. Rocky peak
10. Leave a country
12. Discount
13. D.C. ballplayer
14. Partner to 'oohed'
15. Engine sound
16. Japanese ornamental box
17. Fido is one
18. Amounts of time
19. DiFranco and Phyo are two
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
22. Make secret plans
27. 'Tiny Bubbles' singer
28. 'His Airness'
33. Morning
34. Perfected
36. Winger guitarist Beach
37. Abba __, Israeli politician
38. Self-immolation by fire ritual
39. A way to save money
40. Pulpit
41. Make ecstatically happy
44. Once more
45. Works on
48. Nocturnal S. American rodent
49. State again
50. Expression of disappointment
51. Type of door

CLUES DOWN
1. Yugoslavian communist leader
2. Exchange rate
3. High school dance
4. Peter's last name
5. When you anticipate arriving
6. Israeli city __ Aviv
7. Goat-like mammals
8. Margarine
9. End-of-the-spectrum color
10. Make poisonous
11. Popular beverage
12. Actress Lathan
14. Where planes land and depart
17. Political fundraising entity
18. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
20. Buffer used in microbiology
23. Light, open carriage
24. Metrical feet
25. Email subject line feature
26. A street with lots of nightmares
29. Rapper Rule
30. River in Scotland
31. One who settles a dispute
32. Most chummy
35. We all have our own
36. Arab tribe
38. Slap
40. Ottoman military commanders
41. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
42. Emit coherent radiation
43. Sun or solar disk (Egyptian mythology)
44. Inclined to
45. Olfactory reference syndrome
46. Chest muscle (slang)
47. Body part

■ see **Solution**, Page B7

Deaths

Nov. 20, 2025
CATHY LOU LLOYDE, 73, Allegan Twp.
Dec. 18, 2025
JOANN SMITH, 85, Monterey Twp.
Dec. 20, 2025
CANDACE BARBARA STATLER, 76, Allegan
Dec. 21, 2025
DONNA ANELLA ALLEN, 90, Holland
RAY HAROLD FARNUM, 75, Allegan Twp.
Dec. 23, 2025
ANTOINETTE MARIE MCLEOD, 85, Hopkins Twp.
Dec. 24, 2025
BRADLEY ROBERT KRAYWINKEL, 61, Laketown Twp.
REBECCA ROSE FIFELSKI, 38, Dorr Twp.
MICHAEL ANDREW LOUGHEAD, 71, Gun Plain Twp.
Dec. 25, 2025
ADELINE JOANN FISCHER, 99, holland
JASON ANDREW CONANT, 52, Gun Plain Twp.
WILLIAM JOHN BILDNER, 81, Ganges Twp.
Dec. 26, 2025
KATHLEEN MAE ARNETT, 83, Saugatuck Twp.
Dec. 28, 2025
DIANE LYNN HARGROVE, 81, Saugatuck Twp.
Dec. 29, 2025
JOYCE MARIE TURNER, 80, Manlius Twp.
NANCY ANN JENNEY, 65, Gun Plain Twp.
RICHARD JOHN KLADE, 89, Gun Plain Twp.
Dec. 30, 2025
BAILEY RYAN REDICK, 25, Leighton Twp.
Dec. 31, 2025
CHRIS KENT CURRY, 61, Gun Plain Twp.
PATRICK LYLE WEBSTER, 78, Salem Twp.
Jan. 1, 2026
DANIEL JOSEPH VANDERLAAN, 58, Cheshire Twp.
Jan. 2, 2025
GEORGE ROGER HUFFMAN, 92, Fillmore Twp.
Jan. 5, 2026
DONNA JEAN HAVERDINK, 85, Holland

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Dec. 30 and Jan. 7:

VICKI ANN LANGERHORST, Wayland, and **RICHARD PATRICK LABELLE**, Wayland
TYLER DAVID DEFOUW, Hamilton, and **KATELYN MARIE VLIETSTRA**, Hamilton
PAYTON BROOKE WOOD, Clayton, and **CRAIG DOUGLAS HILLSTEAD JR**, Plainwell
ALEXANDRIA MARIA CASTILLO MALEY, Holland, and **TYLER JASON KIREJCZYK**, Lincoln Park
TREVOR DOUGLAS EYK, Allegan, and **HALEY JUNE WOMBOLDT**, Allegan

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				8	1			

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on February 5, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jerry Lynn Crowe to Fifth Third Mortgage MI, LLC dated February 20, 2018 and recorded March 1, 2018 in Liber 4225 at Page 326, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $117,740.30. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Trowbridge, County of Allegan, State of MI described as follows Beginning at the East 1/4 post of Section 14, Town 1 North, Range 13 West, thence North 89º52'11" West on the East and West 1/4 line 1326 50 feet to the South 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, thence North 0º21'27" West on the North and South 1/8 line of the Northeast 1/4 375 02 feet, thence South 89º52'11" East parallel to the East and West 1/4 line 1326 96 feet to the Fast line of Section 14, thence South 0º17'13" East on the East section line 375 01 feet to the place of beginning Commonly known as 706 26th St, Allegan, MI Tax ID. 0321-014-001-10 Said property is commonly known as 706 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: December 19, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-32470
(12-25)(01-15)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ian Vanhorn, unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Sailfish Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: December 2, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $95,791.67

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The South 165 feet of the North 693 feet of the West 40 feet of the East 780 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 13 West, City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 654 Vernon St, Allegan, MI 49010-1441

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 25, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC, MAY BE DEEMED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, GA 30004 ph:470-321-7112 Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 am on February 5, 2026 The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name of the mortgagor: MARY JO MCGUCKEN. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MARY JO MCGUCKEN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, SOLELY AS NOMIINEE FOR NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, original Mortgagee, for a mortgage dated December 28, 2021, and recorded on January 10, 2022, in Liber 4718 Page 35 in the Allegan County Register of Deeds. Said Mortgage was then assigned through mesne assignments to SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. as documented by an assignment dated May 29, 2025, and recorded on June 05, 2025, in Liber 5039, Page 316 in the ALLEGAN County Register of Deeds, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $68,570.50. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within ALLEGAN County, Michigan on February 5, 2026 at 9:00 am. Said premises are located in the city of ALLEGAN in ALLEGAN County, Michigan and are described as: THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN AND STATE OF MICHIGAN TO WIT: LOT 5, SAWYER & MCINTOSH'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 1. BEING THAT PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO MARY JO MCGUCKEN, SINGLE FROM LUCINDA H. THIELE A MARRIED WOMAN BY THAT DEED DATED 07/25/2014 IN LIBER 3856, PAGE 294, INSTRUMENT 2014013888, OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY, MI PUBLIC REGISTRY. ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS, THERE HAS BEEN NO CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS REPORT, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: NONE Property Address: 223 NORTH ST. ALLEGAN MI, 49010 Tax ID No. 51-285-005-00 The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the Mortgage sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Mortgagee/Assignee January 1st, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Telephone: 470-321-7112 Facsimile: 404-393-1425 Service Email: MIFCLTeam@raslg.com
(01-01)(01-22)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Donnie Newman Jr., a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: June 4, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 11, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $71,263.03

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 30, Like's Addition to the City of Plainwell, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 5, Page 85.

Common street address (if any): 671 Melrose St, Plainwell, MI 49080-2206

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 25, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(12-25)(01-15)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on February 05, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Samantha A Markle, a single woman; Luke J Rice, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: January 12, 2024 Recorded on January 29, 2024, Liber 4917, on Page 208, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seventy-Six and 90/100 Dollars ($213,076.90) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 12 West, described as: the Westerly 66 feet of the Southerly 165 feet of the Easterly 338.25 feet measured along the centerline of Allegan Street of that part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 lying North of center line of street, Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 12 West. Commonly known as 422 W Allegan St, Otsego, MI 49078 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(12-25)(01-15)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry M. Zachary and Helen M. Zachary, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Heartland Home Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 4, 2017 and recorded January 11, 2017 in Liber 4104, Page 615 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Onslow Bay Financial LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 12/100 Dollars ($71,358.12).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Laketown, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

That part of the North 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Described as Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Thence North 89 degrees 49' West on the North Section Line 1108.64 feet to the place of beginning of this description, thence South 0 degrees 00' West 250.0 feet, thence South 89 degrees 49' East 78.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 09' West 553.0 feet, thence North 89 degrees 49' West 142.55 feet, thence North 0 degrees 00' East 803.0 feet to the North Section line, thence South 89 degrees 49' East 66.0 feet to the place of beginning, subject to an easement over the westerly 66 feet.

1748 W 32nd St, Holland, Michigan 49423

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 1, 2026

File No. 25-015739

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-01)(01-22)

To David Lister, and/or any of his unknown heirs, devisees or assignees: You are being sued by Shangrai La Community, LLC in the Allegan County District Court, Case No. 25-03602-GZ, in a claim and delivery action involving personal property described as: a 1972 Champion Manufactured Home; VIN No. MI4424R112V051812. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in Allegan County District Court, at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and serve your answer upon David T. Bowen, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1042 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49442 on or before February 16, 2026. Failure to comply will result in a judgment by default against any defendant not answering for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
(01-08)(01-22)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on February 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Martin L. Shoemaker, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Date of Mortgage: September 30, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 18, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $139,225.96

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hopkins, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 1, Shoemaker Subdivision, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 13 West, as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats on Pages 66 and 67.

Common street address (if any): 3383 26th St, Hopkins, MI 49328-9738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 8, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(01-08)(01-29)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on February 19, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Gene Roper and Louise Roper to Wyndham Capital Mortgage, Inc. dated August 25, 2017 and recorded August 30, 2017 in Liber 4171 at Page 811, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $143,093.05. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: The land referred to in this instrument, situated in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, is described as follows: Lot 12, Re-plat of part of Lots 3 and 4, Lowes Divisional Map, City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 35, Allegan County Records. Parcel ID No(s).: 03-51-255-012-00 Said property is commonly known as 258 Lowe St, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: January 5, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-34994
(01-08)(01-29)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 48th CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
Case No. 25-71465-CZ
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
ALLEGAN MOBILE ESTATES, LLC
D/B/A VILLAGE EAST MOBILE HOME PARK, a Michigan Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,
VS.
THE ESTATE OF NORMA DEEN BOYNTON (DECEASED), ANY AND ALL HEIRS, and ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS,
Defendant.
Patrick A. Dykstra (P64436)
Jesson & Dykstra PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2010 44th Street, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
(616) 455-5200
law@vandamjesson.com
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

"An action seeking an order that Plaintiff is entitled to a new Mobile Home Title from the Michigan Secretary of State, to a certain 2000 Spring Creek Commander Identification Number: CHINI00460TG located at 1205 Starlite Dr. Lot 82, Allegan, MI 49010, has been commenced by Allegan Mobile Estates, LLC d/b/a Village East Mobile Home Park against the Estate and Heirs of Normal Deen Boynton, and any Unknown Owners in the Allegan County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendants must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication, If Defendants do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered for the relief demanded in the complaint."

1-15 1-29

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 25-70624-NA PETITION NO. I
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: ZA'KARI HUSBY AND ESTELLE GOODALL
A PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on APRIL 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM in 48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION before HON. JOLENE A. CLEARWATER. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that ANY UNKNOWN FATHERS OF ZA'KARI HUSBY BORN TO DANIELLE HUSBY ON 09/28/2018 AND BRYAN WILLIAMS AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF ESTELLE GOODALL BORN TO DANIELLE HUSBY ON 08/16/2022 personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.

Dated: 1/12/26

Judge Jolene Clearwater (P74848)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate / Trust
Estate of Doris Weller Date of Birth: July 4, 1943

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Doris Weller, died November 14, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate/trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee of the Raymond and Doris Weller Family Trust dated April 14, 2003, as amended, at 160 Nunally Drive Baxter, TN 38544 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 8, 2026

Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC

Jennifer B. Van Regenmorter P49451

151 Central Avenue, Suite 260

Holland, MI 49423

(616) 796-2502

Nancy A. Henshaw

160 Nunally Drive

Baxter, TN 38544

(973) 449-0775

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
Allegan
Trust: Revocable Living Trust Agreement for Nathan J. Becksvoort, u/a/d May 24, 2007

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Nathan J. Becksvoort, who lived at 4043 60th Street, Holland, MI 48423 died 11/22/202

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Beverly A. Geurink, Co-Trustee, within 4 months from the date of publication of this notice.

01/07/2026

Blaque W. Hough P-47697

300 South State St., Ste. 11

Zeeland, MI 49464

(616) 212-9336

Beverly A. Geurink, Co-Trustee

11236 Port Sheldon Rd.

Holland, MI 49424

(616) 875-7106

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
Allegan
Trust: The Claudia Mercer Trust, under agreement dated March 7, 2025

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Claudia Mercer , who lived at 3108 Dumont Rd., Allegan, MI 48010 died 12/15/2025

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Josh A. Stanton , within 4 months from the date of publication of this notice.

01/07/2026

Blaque W. Hough P-47697

300 South State St., Ste. 11

Zeeland, MI 49464

(616) 212-9336

Josh A. Stanton

3108 Dumont Rd.

Allegan, MI 48010

(269) 804-2597

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25- 65944-DE and JUDGE Alice L. Bernal

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Richard David Cornelisse Date of Birth:*02/03/1953

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard David Cornelisse, died 10/11/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard David Cornelisse, Jr., personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

01/09/2026

Margaret L. Webb P69048

PO Box 265

Dorr, MI 49323

(616) 681-0100

Richard David Cornelisse, Jr.

2286 Byron Shores Drive SW

Byron Center, MI 49315

(616) 460-0170

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ezra B. Ling, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Neighborhood Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2021 and recorded March 5, 2021 in Liber 4586, Page 247 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four and 57/100 Dollars ($81,224.57).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute

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Public Notices

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in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 19, 2026.

Said premises are located in the City of Plainwell, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 47, Batchelor and Dunham's Addition to the Village (now City) of Plainwell, excepting therefrom a three cornered piece of land lying directly South of Lot No. 49, of the same addition, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Allegan County, Michigan, in Liber 43 of Deeds, Page 624.

182 W 1st Ave, Plainwell, Michigan 49080

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 15, 2026
File No. 25-016268
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(01-15)(02-05)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65942-DA and JUDGE JOLENE A. CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of MARY JO McGUCKEN, deceased Date of Birth:* 1/28/1956
TO ALL CREDITORS: **

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Allegan County Probate Court, 113 Chestnut Street, Courthouse, Allegan, MI 49010, and one, or all, of the following: Robert J. Baker, Attorney for the Estate and Personal Representative of the Estate, 225 Hubbard Street, Allegan, MI 49010 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Jo McGucken, died 7/23/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert J. Baker, Attorney for Estate and personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

1/5/2026
Robert J. Baker P-57564
225 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010
269-686-9448
Robert J. Baker
225 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010
269-686-9448

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65997-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Linda L. Moczerad Date of Birth:*10/09/1947
TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda L. Moczerad, died 10/25/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kyle D. Baldwin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

1/6/2026
Neil P. Jansen P41922
900 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-632-8000
Kyle D. Baldwin
4465 108th Street SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
616-340-7961

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James Henry Starling, a single person and Melissa Kay Weimer, a single person. Original Mortgagee: 21st Mortgage Corporation. Date of Mortgage: December 23, 2019. Date of Mortgage Recording: December 26, 2019 in Liber 4415, Page 895, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Amount claimed due on date of notice: two hundred nineteen thousand three hundred fifteen and 54/100 Dollars ($219,315.54), including interest. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Manlius, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, to wit: Remainder of Parent Parcel - Beginning at the North 1/4 post of Section 21, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds West on the North and South 1/4 line, 1858.42 feet to the centerline of Old Allegan Road; thence North 40 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West on same, 954.62 feet; thence North 54 degrees 50 minutes 44 seconds East 437.40 feet; thence North 40 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West 600.00 feet; thence North 54 degrees 50 minutes 44 seconds East 13.65 feet; thence East 313.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds East 414.00 feet to the North Section line; thence East on same, 325.00 feet to the place of beginning, and all improvements thereon. Common street address: 5510 130th Avenue, Fennville, Michigan 49408. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest. Dated: January 8, 2026 21st Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee By: Richard A. Green Law Offices of Richard A. Green 30150 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 924-2354 1/15/26, 1/22/26, 1/29/26, 2/5/26
(01-15)(02-05)

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, Michigan starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the Property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county Register of Deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The Mortgage being foreclosed was given by John E. Parks and Inez Parks, husband and wife and John E. Parks as Trustee of The John E. Parks Living Trust under Agreement dated March 18, 1992 to The United States of America, acting through the Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated September 25, 2008 and was recorded on October 16, 2008 in Liber 3269, starting on page 754 of the Allegan County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is Two Hundred Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Five and 81/100 Dollars ($240,805.81) Dollars as of January 15, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the Property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the Allegan County Register of Deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for their information. The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., local time, at the East front entrance to the Allegan County Building in Allegan, Michigan, which is the location of the Allegan County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 5.00% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 15 West (the "Property"). The street address of the Property is V/L 54th Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010. The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale. The redemption period may be extinguished as provided in MCL 600.3238.Please be advised that if the Property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this Notice of Mortgage Sale, then in such event, the borrowers will be responsible to the person who buys the Property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the Property during the redemption period as provided in MCL 600.3278. Please be further advised that the redemption period may also be extinguished under the circumstances described in MCL 600.3238. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage is: John R. Tucker, Esq. WINEGARDEN, HALEY, LINDHOLM, TUCKER & HIMELHOCH, PLC G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A Grand Blanc, MI 48439 810-767-3600 Dated: January 15, 2026 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PREPARED BY: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348 Winegarden, Haley, Lindholm, Tucker & Himelhoch, PLC G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A Grand Blanc, MI 48439 810-767-3600
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Notice of Public Hearing

Salem Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Planning Commission of Salem Township will hold public hearing to deliberate and possibly take action on the following items on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Township Hall, located at 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Request from Sandy Pines Recreational Community, owner of 2745 136th Avenue, also known as permanent parcel number 03-19-035-009-00, for a special use permit and related site plan review to expand an existing place of public assembly (chapel) within the C-1 General Commercial District, per Section 11.03(p) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such business as comes before the Salem Township Planning Commission.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing via electronic or phone access are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Administrator at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 5, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
BRANDON OOSTERINK, CHAIR
616-877-2000

Notice of Public Hearing

Salem Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
Variance Request

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act") the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of Salem Township will deliberate the following variance request(s) on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Salem Township Hall, located at 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan.

The application(s) received are as follows:

1. A request from Rob Hagenow, property owner of 4405 Friesian Court, also known as permanent parcel 03-19-250-009-00, for relief from section 6.05(a) and 11.09(d) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance to construct an accessory building within the required front yard of the R-1 Agricultural and Rural Estate District.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Administrator at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 5, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

SALEM TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
BRANDON OOSTERINK, CHAIR
616-877-2000

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First Congregational Church of Bangor, an independent Congregational church, is seeking a part-time pastor to provide biblically based spiritual guidance, teachings, and sermons. Our current pastor is retiring, and we are looking to build ministries to youth, to provide a welcoming place for people of all ages, and to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inquiries may be directed to: The pastoral search committee at: jcbabyar@yahoo.com or to: First Congregational Church of Bangor - Attn: pastoral search committee P.O. Box 127 - Bangor, MI 49013.

Auction

A-OK Towing LLC is having an auction, January 22 2026, from 9am till noon. Sealed bid auction, located at 510 Florenece Rd Constantine MI, 49042. The following vehicles will be available to bid on:
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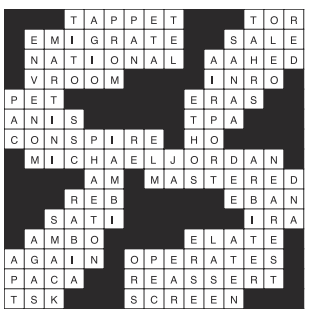

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RELIGION SECTION

Religion Page
G C Stoppel

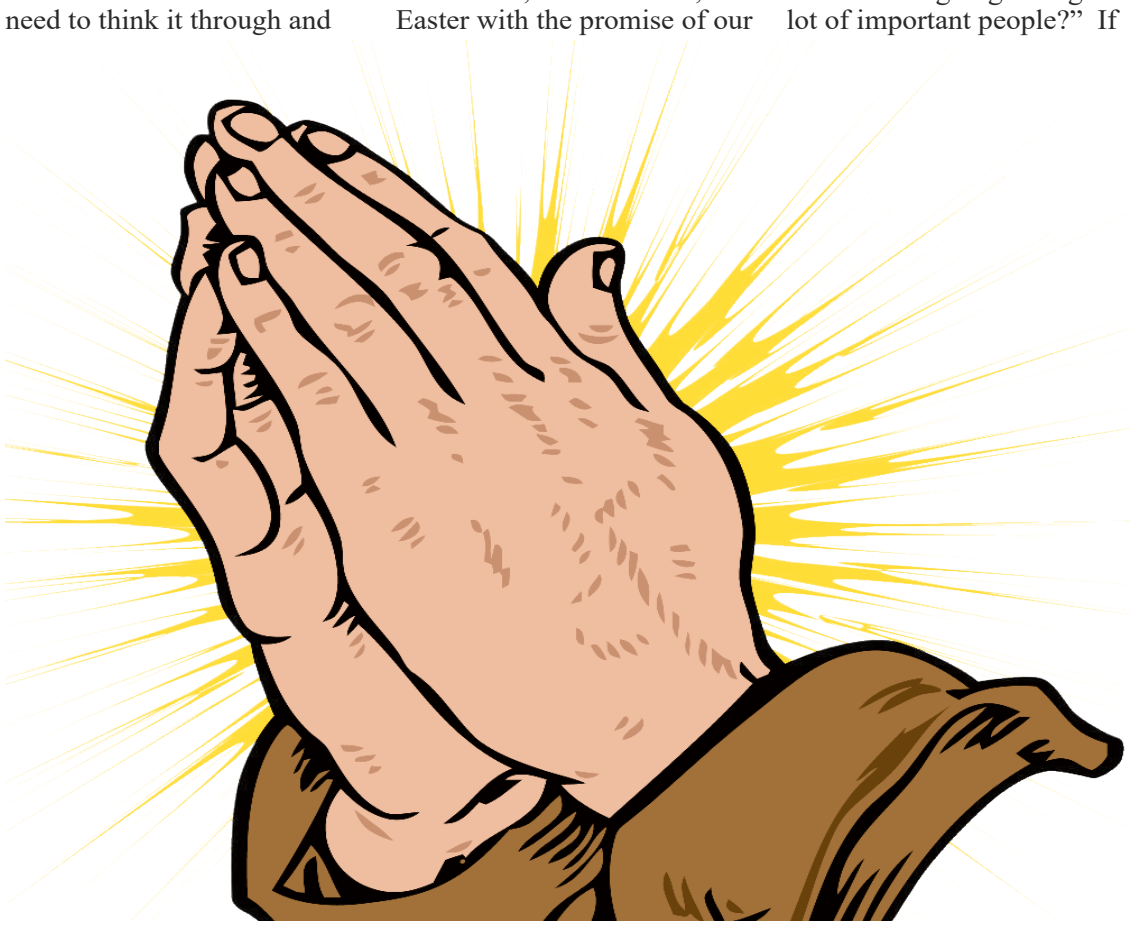
Over the past few weeks, I have written about getting rid of old inventory that clutters every horizontal place in the house. I have mentioned culling the Christmas card list of people to whom we have sent cards but never get one in return. More recently I have torn up the renewal invitations from organizations, magazine subscriptions, and some new ways to spend money. I even went so far as to knock off watching the news because it is too distracting. Besides, I cannot do anything about what is happening around the world.

The next thing in my sight line is the list of people who have persistently taken it upon themselves to try organizing or running my life. You know the type. They begin telling us how we should live, then slip in those sneaky little phrases like, *You need to; I need you to; You don't want to do that.* It is nice that they care, but sometimes they get in the way.

A good example from the Gospels is the day Jesus announced he was going to Jerusalem for what would be the final show down with the Temple authorities, and very likely he would be killed. Peter instantly jumped in and basically told Jesus, "You don't want to do that. You need to think it through and stay away from there."

Just imagine what would have happened if Jesus had listened to his friend. No journey to Jerusalem, no conflict with the authorities, no crucifixion, and above all, no Easter with the promise of our resurrection.

Long before that, sometimes when Jesus healed people it was on the Sabbath. Perhaps his disciples or others were asking, "You sure about this? You're going to anger a lot of important people?" If Jesus had yielded, what sort of example would that be for us?



I am sure that someone must have told Paul, just as he was setting out on his missionary journeys, "You don't want to do that. Not this time of year when there are storms on the sea." Or, perhaps for some other reason. Had Paul listened and followed the safe, good advice of his friends, he would never have taken the message of Jesus to the world.

We all have people in our life who get in our way because they love us, want to protect us, and want the best for us. But sometimes their advice is wrong for us. It takes tremendous persistence in prayer and discernment to understand when to listen and when to part company with them.

Life is full of dangers and uncertainties and we know it. We also know something else: God never deserts us. He is with us in life, in death, in life beyond death. There is no need to live in fear. Rather, keep going.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
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700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
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Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

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269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

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Fr. Simon Manjooran
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Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
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880 66th Street, South Haven
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112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
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269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

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4001 124th Allegan
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
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Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
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Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
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Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
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First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
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1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
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Ganges Baptist Church
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Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
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3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
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Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
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Pastor Don Miller

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Pastor Andrew Leach
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672-5596

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Pastor Everett Belue
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673-1938

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Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
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Pathfinder North Church
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Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

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805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
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Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
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Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
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Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
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247 N. Main St., Allegan
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Pastor Sarah Montgomery

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Pastor Deborah Lesher
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616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

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269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

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6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
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Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

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Pastor Kelly Ryan
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